

Shelter Island Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
September 21, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Ed Bausman, Mark Cappellino, Jay Card, Mary Shaw, Paulette Van Vranken, Steven Python, Tullia Limarzi, Peder Larsen, Town Liaison: Supervisor Dougherty

Members Excused: John Reilly

Chairman Bausman opened the meeting at 7:31 PM

The minutes from August 17, 2009, were approved.

Correspondence:

A letter regarding beach clean up at Mashomack was dispensed to Ms. Cindy Belt via Member Cappellino.

Old Business:

Management Plans:

Chairman Bausman reported that he incorporated the comments, which were mostly language modifications, from the CPFAB into the Management Plans for Cackle Hill Aquifer Preserve, Gardiner's Creek Preserve, Rasmussen Preserve, and Fresh Pond Wetlands Preserve. Chairman Bausman stated that he had no issue with the language changes, but he still feels very strongly that the creation of trails may cause negative impacts.

Member Python stated that all trails must provide handicap access and noted that Bridge Street Park does not provide handicap access on the gravel paths. He also noted that the fencing is inadequate to keep children from falling in the water.

Supervisor Dougherty stated that the gravel paths are underlined with paving stones which do allow for handicap access. He also stated that many hours were spent determining the type of appropriate fencing, and he believes the fencing is adequate.

Member VanVranken reviewed the CPFAB Town Code 50-4C, noting that the majority of the CPFAB members shall have demonstrated experience in land conservation or preservation activities, and at least one member of the Board should be an active farmer. She further noted that much of the code is contradictory, which in essence, allows each property to be preserved according to its individual characteristics.

The CAC agreed that they feel strongly about the properties being marked with a bronze plaque mounted on a large boulder, and also that the amount of funds allocated toward the annual stewardship of each property should adhere to the code, which states that no more than 10% of the original cost should be allocated.

The CAC reviewed each revised Stewardship Plan individually and made minor revisions to each plan.

The CAC unanimously approved the revisions to the Stewardship Plans for Rasmussen Preserve, Gardiner's Creek Preserve, Fresh Pond Wetlands Preserve, and Cackle Hill Aquifer Preserve to be submitted to the CPFAB.

Chairman Bausman indicated that he would make the approved revisions and submit the revised Stewardship Plans to the CPFAB.

Discussion of Wetlands: Manmade vs. Natural Ponds

The CAC agreed to table this issue until the next meeting due to time constraints.

New Business:

Wetland Application:

Dolphin: Address: 43 South Midway Road

CAC reviewed and discussed this wetland application for the proposed interior renovations to the existing single family dwelling, construction of proposed steps, 18 square feet plus or minus, off the rear of the existing dwelling, proposed steps, 10 square feet plus or minus, off the northwestern side of the existing dwelling, proposed deck, 265 square feet plus or minus, atop an existing concrete patio off the rear of the existing dwelling, removal of an existing underground fuel tank, abandonment of an existing septic system and construction of a new sanitary system, within the regulated area.

Chairman Bausman noted that there is an Orangeburg pipe that is entering into Fresh Pond which needs to be properly addressed.

Member Python motion to recommend approval of the plan as presented with the condition that the drainpipe that empties into Fresh Pond be properly addressed, second by Peder Larsen, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Next Meeting Date: **Monday, October 19, 2009**@ 7:30 PM Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees
