

**Shelter Island Conservation Advisory Council
January 25, 2016 Minutes**

Members Present: Chr. Ed Bausman, Jay Card, Paulette Van Vranken, Peder Larsen, Councilman Paul Shepherd, Town Liaison.

Member Excused: John Reilly, Howard Johansen, Mark Cappellino

Meeting opened at 7:35pm

December, 2015 minutes approved as emailed.

The guest speaker, Soren Dahl, Sea Grass Coordinator for the DEC, could not make it to the meeting. He has rescheduled his presentation on Eel Grass for March's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

WETLANDS APPLICATIONS

Zach Vella 85 Shore Road

Summary: Establish approximately 24,922 square feet of native vegetation in place of historically existing lawn areas within the vegetative buffer, and install stone slab walkway to pond and 78 square feet wood "fishing platform" over pond, all as depicted on the site plan.

The CAC unanimously approved this application planting schedule as presented; northern blueberry, shag wood, butterfly bush, may apple, eastern red cedar, switch grass, low bush blueberry, little blue stem, cinnamon, and Christmas fern.

NEW BUSINESS:

NO NEW WETLAND APPLICATIONS.

Wild Parsnip discussion:

CAC Members discussed this invasive plant. Member Jay Card stated that the Town has a handle on it and that Walter Richards removed quite a bit on properties near Cobbett's Lane and Coecles Harbor. Member Jay Card followed up and walked the areas and did not see any. The CAC agreed that this plant could be a very nasty invasive and the main issue is the seeds spread quickly. The Wild Parsnip does kill bittersweet by laying over it like a lattice.

Emerald Boerer:

This invasive plant was briefly discussed by the CAC and Member Jay Card said it can be extinguished by running it through a commercial grade wood chipper. Chairman Ed Bausman stated that it is seen on Long Island as far east as Amityville. The CAC agreed that it is just a matter of time before it comes to Shelter Island.

Mud problems during new construction:

The CAC discussed strategies to help the mud problem during new construction. It was suggested to dig a sump and then build your way out to prevent this problem with water run-off. Member Larson stated they could dig a sump/hole with sand in the corner of the property and a small pond is made that will drain until the construction is completed.

Training Classes: CAC may look into some educational classes that are offered in Old Bethpage Village for excavating, sloping, soil erosion, and draining issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm until Mon. February 22, 2016, 7:30 pm Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Flynn
Clerk to the CAC