

Minutes of the CAC Meeting, June 1, 2009
Lewisboro Library

Present: Jan Andersen, Lauren Caplan, Vi Patek, Joe Tansey, Craig Ungaro, Janet Weil, Ed Wickersham, and Town Board member Dan Welsh

Absent: Tim Cronin, Jennifer Dering, Alan King

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

General Items:

Reminder about attending a Planning Board meeting to better understand the projects and process. Applicants who have had annual septic inspections as a condition in their wetland application approval sometimes do not understand that it extends beyond the term of the permit. The CAC discussed drafting a fact sheet for the planning board use and forwarding one to the Lakes Committee which they may want to update for riparian owners and post or distribute.

Planning Board Items:

6/9/09 – memos circulate to CAC by 6/4, submit by 6/5

Pound Ridge Stone, Scully, Amadeo – decision – no comments at this time

Estate Motors – new proposal so prior memos and reviews probably not relevant. Area has been disturbed. New building of 33,000 sq ft. Maybe apply LEED or green standards to improve the general energy usage and environmental impact. Indications that other Mercedes dealerships have incorporated green approaches. Discussions of light pollution, LEED building standards, heat reflective glass, solar power, parking lots with stormwater retention areas. Vi to do.

6/23/09 – memos circulate to CAC by 6/18, submit by 6/19

Waccaboro – information not yet available: possibly 4 lot subdivision on 121.

Wetland Code potential changes: discussed intent which is to streamline some of the items that are generally approved but to preserve environmental strength. In general, the discussion indicated that the CAC generally favored even more loosening of the regulations for items that did not seem to have the potential to have substantial environmental impact. For example, hand installed wood fences in wetland buffer could be exempt, not waiver. Tree cutting and pruning might be dependent on size of tree – a minimum size where tree cutting and pruning applies (eg, at least 6” dbh). Discussion that wetland inspector serves as consultant, and also as inspector and enforcer. General discussion of controls over spending for all the advisors to planning board – we believe that spending is not part of the planning board budget to manage.

Site walk report: Eckerson – Lake Oscaleta boathouse – foundation does not appear to be usable so no need to tie to that site. Would be better further from lake and uphill. Septic and water plans unclear. Confirmed four season use planned. Also noted significant amount of disturbance near the house: ground and understory cleared. Easement would be beneficial if granted as part of application.

Lustig – issues appeared to be well thought out. Still results in a large amount of disturbance and increase in impermeable surface. Movement of septic system and raingardens, stormwater treatment but is that adequate mitigation for size?

Preserve Report: Leon Levy Preserve management plan - awaiting feedback from PRAC. Subdivision indicates walkers should not park by houses. Metz update pending from TB.

Lewisboro Sustainability: questionnaire to understand community interest and priorities. Much of activity involves collaboration and communication with other towns, pursuing grants.

Proposed moving Sept – Dec meetings to Tuesday evening.

After polling for other topics, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting July 6.