

Gardiner Environmental Conservation Commission

Gardiner ECC Regular Meeting 11/29/16

Present: Eric Savelson-Chair, John Sansalone, Janet Kern, Roberta Clements, Rick Irizarry

-Janet Kern suggested some minor revisions and made a motion to accept minutes of 10/25/16 seconded by John Sansalone. All in favor.

-Solar Law Committee: Roberta Clements, Law is continuing to be developed, points of discussion are around the large scale installations.

Question of Glare from above on the ridge. Viewshed. Not permissible in SP zone.

ECC would like to be available to comment on the final draft of the solar law.

Questions about habitat and screening.

Law should be in conjunction with the master plan and with the open space plan.

- Sub-Committee Report: Wetlands law, status the same

-Town Board liaison report: Bruna Rondinelli, not present

-Ulster County EMC liaison report: John Sansalone, Ulster County case study for National Geographic as model for environmental efforts. No county EMC meeting occurred in November.

-Planning Board Liaison: Eric Savelson, no report

Both Shaft Road and Sheldon Road projects were both on the last agenda.

Did they get the Engineering report for Sheldon Road? ECC needs to be notified of new information by the Planning Board.

Janet Kern made a motion suggesting ECC Chair communicate with planning board regarding timely provision of notification of Planning Board agendas. Seconded by John Sansalone, Passed Unanimously.

The ECC disagrees with Planning Board's determination that the short form EAF is sufficient for Sheldon Road, Velez project and the Long Form is recommended. The proximity of parkland may reduce the threshold for what is required under SEQRA review. Question: Has Site Plan expired? (18 month window, plus two 6 months extensions); Does applicant need to re-apply?

-Discussion of Mission of ECC: Section 4 Review:

Chairperson, Secretary, Rules and Procedures for effective functioning.

We should maintain the agenda, we must wait to be recognized, should we generally follow Robert's Rules of Procedure as a guide?

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 12/21 at 5:30 @ Library or TBD,

Motion to Adjourn: Roberta Clements

Second: Rick Irizarry

Unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm