

Gardiner Environmental Conservation Commission
Tuesday October 25, 2016

Present: E. Savelson, J. Kern, J. Sansalone, R. Clements, B. Rondinelli, R. Irizarri, T. Marquette

Agenda

1. Introductions: Circle- share background and introduce.
2. Approval of Sept. Minutes (Only personal notes; no minutes available)
3. Discussion: ECC Mission and 2017 Goals:
 - Discussion on mission:
Solidify mission; Improve relationship & communication with PB; Maintain objective/ non-partisan (scientific) point of view; Improve community involvement (outreach); Educational programs; Clarity with environmental impacts in the context of preserving open space; Concerns with clarity of mission & process;
 - Goals:
Eric: Aquifer Overlay Law, Open Space Protection based on Open Space Plan,
John: NRI needs updating; Visual impacts;
Roberta: Community involvement; Create protocol for special permit and environmental reviews for PB & TB;
Bruna: Website & blog; grant for specific project; Gardiner Day Table
Tanya: Community outreach; working on our own internal process
Rick: Finish current projects;
Janet: Focus on mission (issues with PB)
4. Solar Facility Moratorium Report (Roberta)
 - Committee is reviewing several local laws and model law from NYS.
 - How to best enable solar facility installers to meet Town expectations.
 - Size, proximity, density, enclosures (purpose of the fencing & impact on habitat and wildlife).Clearing, decommissioning systems,
5. WRPA Subcommittee report:
 - Conducting final review/ rewrite (applicability and procedural issues)
 - June 2017 (or ASAP) with final draft.
6. Liaison reports:
 - TB Liaison (Bruna);
 - EMC Report (John);
 - PB liaison report (Roberta)Application review updates:
 - Shaft Road LLC Subdivision: (Roberta & Eric)
 - Sheldon Road: Review previous comments submitted and review updated application & next steps (Application is pending some final alterations and public hearing will begin at November PB)
[Previous ECC comments attached] (Eric)
7. New items; other