

Conservation Commission, regular meeting 10/22/13  
Minutes

Present: Fritz, Gary, Joanna, Roel, Mariana

Minutes: Sept minutes approved.

Town Plan:

meeting with Pcomm last week:

Conservation Commission members to look over the plan over by Friday so Joanna can get back to the Pinelands Commission with our “final” version.

Discussion about how the Town Plan relates to land use regs.

Site review discussion at Planning Commission: what does PC want from us in terms of subdivision review (we do not really have a role in development review).

We should participate before sketch plan: we do site visits if applicable, or look at habitat map, soil potential, wetlands, conserved land, etc.

When applicant comes in, we want to have a brochure for applicants about what factors they should consider when planning their subdiv. Joanna, made a draft of areas of high public values that should be considered. She will share form for Cons Comm to look at. Roel says that Pam Brangan will be here at our next meeting—we can discuss how we can get all ecological data layered so we can assess.

Town Farm Bay: neither Town Line Road LLC nor Katherine Arthaud would give permission for Cons Comm and Alan Quackenbush, et al. To access the properties to look at the natural communities, extent of wetlands, etc. Alan still wants to go out to whatever we can see (Williams Woods, railroad, VELCO corridor), so Mariana will arrange.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: next watershED program. Presentation on Lakewise: voluntary compliance on buffering along lake, wetlands, streams. Reapply to DEC for WatershED: more of a citizen scientist component, 3 possible workshops: forensic ecologist idea, getting Susan Morse: keeping track, and VNRC workshop on keeping natural resources in mind while you are planning. Also idea for mobile planning map.

Post draft minutes within 5 days.

Dean: budget for november: what things will we be doing? What goes in to the budget?

Meeting in November will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>

Bob party: Gary will host

AVCC meeting: Roel: BioFinder: resolution is not good enough to use on the municipal level... it is supposed to show connectivity. RB asked for algorithms to make our own biofinder at our level. Bob joined the board of the AVCC.

Habitat map: can be a planning map (non-regulatory version).

