

Town of Pendleton
Conservation Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Town Board Room

- I. **Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairwoman Sara Siracuse.** Members in attendance: Sara Siracuse, Amanda Irons-Rindfleisch, Annmarie Reeb, Victor Lemieux and Andrew Harrison. No public.

- II. **Amendments, Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Additions to Current Business: Stipends, NYSDEC Email and Deadline for Conservation Seats.

- III. **Approve Minutes of November 8, 2018**

Motion S. Siracuse; Seconded A. Reeb; Opposed none; Motion carried.

- IV. **Public Input** – None.

- V. **Correspondence** – Emails, etc.

S. Siracuse - DEC FOIL email response – 11/19/18; Ref. #: W044629-111918; Diligent search produced no records.

S. Siracuse – Waterfront Revitalization Plan Meeting of 12/3/18 was cancelled.
V. Lemieux will be notified of a meeting in January 2019 to be held in Wyoming County.

S. Siracuse – Niagara County Agriculture Farmland Protection Plan Public Hearing on 12/4/18. Members were unable to attend due to short notice.

- VI. **Unfinished Business:**

Tonawanda Creek Watershed Committee meeting 11/28/18 (NCSW) – Cancelled per S. Siracuse. January 2019 meeting will be in Wyoming Co. and information will be sent to V. Lemieux.

Chapter 13 & CAC – 12-10-18 Public Hearing – A public hearing was held by the Town of Pendleton regarding the future status of the Conservation Board vs. Conservation Advisory Council. S. Siracuse spoke and A. Reeb and A. Irons-Rindfleisch were also in attendance. S. Siracuse provided to Town Attorney, Claude Jorge, specific details for the Chapter 13 policy, some of which was requested by our Board. S. Siracuse provided three draft letters to the attorney prior to the hearing. A copy of the letter that she read during the hearing was sent to all board members. All documents are part of the Board's permanent record. The result of the hearing was that the Board will change to an Advisory Council as of January 2019. The Town Board seemed supportive with the conservation members past and future work on the Open Space Inventory.

Unfinished Business, cont.d:

Letters of Interest to be a member must be submitted to the Town Clerk by 12-15-18.

VII. Current Business

Open Space Inventory – Town Assessor, Kelli Counglin was very helpful in providing Deed and Property Information re: Federal, State, County and Local land as requested by S. Siracuse. Each member received a copy.

Open Space Mapping – will resume in January 2019.

VIII. Board Member Discussion

2018 Year End Report & Additions to Conservation Box -

A summary of the 2018 year will be sent to the board members for individual approval. If ok'd by all, the summary will be sent to the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, and NYS DEC Commissioner.

Motion S. Siracuse; Seconded V. Lemieux; Opposed none; Motion carried.

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A discussion was held.

IX. Expectations for Next Meeting –

None.

X. Adjournment at 7:03 pm

Motion A. Reeb; Seconded S. Siracue; Opposed none; Motion carried.

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