**EnCB meeting (Held via Zoom)
6/10/2020 Minutes**

Called to order 7:36

Attending: Ingrid Haeckel (Chair), Ted Nitza, Rich Whitney, Jonathan Schwartz, Rose Rudnitski, R. Kenji Tierney, Amanda Gotto (Planning board Liaison), Janelle Peotter, Susan Stessin, and Hope Nitza (guest).

Hope Nitza – requests to join the EnCB. Currently a NPHS junior (rising to senior) – EnCB members approve the request pending an opening on the board (currently there is no such opening).

Meeting minutes unanimously approved without change for March and April. May minutes approved with one abstention (Kenji who missed the meeting). In each case Ted moves for approval. Rich Seconds.

**Planning board referrals** (Amanda):

Rose Lane/Heppolette: The applicant presented his plan to remediate slope where trees felled. The applicant will enclose ¾ acre with deer fence and plant 100 trees (mix of species as recommended by EnCB). Erosion will be addressed by leaving existing felled trees and brush. Andy recommends continuous monitoring and maintenance until trees taken hold – Planning Board needs to develop a plan that includes consideration of topography. EnCB asked to offer recommendations.

*Ted will draft a letter on behalf of the EnCB*: support Andy’s letter. The letter will include support for deer fencing, guidance re. maintenance and tree survival (potentially checking conditions once a year for five years), planting timing. The letter to the PB should be submitted no later than June 17.

Homeland Towers: balloon test completed (March 14). Two alternate access roads proposed as options. Some discussion of potentially moving the tower closer to Jansen Rd (200-250 ft). 150ft mono-pole or “stealth tree” are options raised for the tower. A finalized proposal has not yet been submitted for PB consideration.

*Rose will prepare a literature review* on the potential impact of cell towers on pollinators for consideration by the EnCB. The EnCB will postpone comments until our next meeting – July 8th.

New application: 40 Brookside Rd. Applicants seeks to build accessory apt. where a barn currently sits.

June 22nd PB meeting to address the above – Rose will attend.

July 13th PB meeting – Ted will attend.

July 27th PB meeting - Susan will attend.

**No updates on CEAs** (Ingrid).

**Community Preservation draft plan** (Ingrid)**:** To be sent to Town Board on Friday (June 12) and presented at Town Board meeting next Thursday (June 18). Final version should be ready for July 2 with hearing set for July 16 or early August. Must be adopted by second meeting in August to meet the deadline to get onto the ballot.

**Natural Resources Inventory Update** (Amanda): Review latest map & Draft of NRI. Meeting likely in mid-July to obtain feedback from stakeholders. Input welcome.

**Village EPB update** (Ted): Met June 9. No items for the Village Planning Board. No updates on projects (plastic bags, bees, composting, idling laws, haulage). Budget tentatively approved for EPB.

**Climate Smart** **update** (Janelle): June 2nd meeting. Meetings are 1st Thursday of each month. Book club continues – meets 3rd Tuesday of the month. Next book – *Nature’s Best Hope* by Douglas Tallamy.

3 SUNY NP students did a feasibility study on solar power and battery storage at NP waste-water facility. Online presentation. Ted noted that this was an impressive presentation. The payback time for the investment in the project would be approximately twenty years.

**Bee City** (Rose): Emily Prudhoff is cooperating on identifying pollinator friendly planting locations in the village/town. Suggestions from the community are welcome. Rich suggested Field of Dreams. Amanda suggests contacting CSAs.

**Announcements:** (Ingrid) DEC is hosting a webinar on environmental reviews best practices (12-1, Wed., June 17).

 (Ted) MS4 will provide a report at the June 18 Town Board meeting (7:00 start - online). The report is a brief summary of the storm water plan.

(Janelle) Rockland county Sustainable Landscape meeting on “sustainable suburbia” (7:00, Monday the 22nd).

Meeting adjourned 9:29.

Submitted: Jonathan Schwartz