FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Town of New Paltz

Environmental Conservation Board

April 3, 2013

Town Hall

7:30 pm

Participants: Jim Littlefoot, Libby Murphy, Mike Domitrovits, Norman Turner, Rhett Weires, John House Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

Public Comment: None

Review/Approval of March Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Norman and seconded by Mike. Unanimously passed.

New Members: Dan Torres is no longer planning to join.

Planning Board Projects Status:

- Wilmorite / Park Point: Mention was made of the new anti-Park Point signs around town. It now seems that without a PILOT, plan may never get off the ground. No EnCB member present sees any benefit of the project to the residents of New Paltz. John said that the ZBA has not voted on the story variance yet.

- EnCB liaison report of Planning Board meeting: John did not attend.

- Gasland Holdings – Review of Plans (Jim): They should put in a minimum of 25 more trees for shade and water retention. Shrubs don’t last. It was decided that Jim will draft a letter to the Planning Board recommending this.

- 238 Main St demolition. 2-story building behind Burger King. No environmental issue seen. No information as to why they are doing this or what if anything the property will be used for.

- 555 Albany Post Rd subdivision application. An approximately 7-acre parcel is to be subdivided off from a 30-acre property. No environmental concerns seen at this stage.

Discussions:

- Energize New York opinion report to Zimet/Town Board (Libby): RUPCO and other groups seem to be handling this for Ulster County. Libby doesn’t see any need for the Town to get involved on behalf of residents.

- Ulster County Environmental Management Council Meeting Report (Jim): Dennis Doyle, Steve Noble and about 50 people attended the meeting at UCC. Jim was impressed with their presentation. They have prepared 15 large color maps of the county dealing with forestry, farming, landscaping, roads, bridges, streams etc. Jim is getting copies of the maps which can be stored in Stacy’s office.

- Website update/Town Board approval of funding (Mike): Website is currently down. No further information on progress.

New Business

* Norman noted that he has seen nothing in the newspaper about the recent Town Board vote to appeal the wetlands law.
* Rhett passed around information concerning the controlled burns planned by the TNC Shawangunk Ridge Biodiversity program, run by Gabe Chapin, who about 6 years ago gave a presentation on the importance of controlled burns to the ecosystem of the Shawangunk Ridge.

A motion to adjourn was made by Norman and seconded by Jim. Unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.