

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
November 1, 2005

Members present: Chairwoman Ruth Oja, Susan Ellis, Donna Griffith, Brenda Cagle, Laurie Husted

Guests: Matt de la Houssaye

Chairwoman Ruth Oja called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Ruth announced that the Pace University Land Use Center sent notice to the CAC acknowledging its completion of the Land Use Planning Certification course.

TREE PLANTING: Chairwoman Ruth Oja announced that she and Brenda Cagle applied for a Department of Environmental Conservation grant for 75 trees to plant along the road proposed between Hannaford Supermarket and Route 199, and on the Recycling Center property. If the grant is awarded, it will have a two-year time limit. The Town will match the money with town labor, and the CAC would supervise the planting project. The Town Board has applied for a Community Development Block Grant for construction of the new road, including sidewalks.

TRAILS: Chairwoman Ruth Oja called Eoin Wrafter of the Dutchess County Planning Department about grant possibilities for trails. Eoin replied that the grant applications and information are not out yet, but that he would notify the CAC when they are.

SCENIC ROADS: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump gave notice to Chairwoman Ruth Oja of a Scenic Roads/Scenic Byways conference to be held in Cairo on November 9, 2005. Ruth will attend and asked if any other CAC members would be able to attend.

INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE: Brenda Cagle has been participating in the Intermunicipal Task Force, and reported on their activities. The Task Force divided into groups to explore common issues of the Town and Village of Red Hook, or the Town of Red Hook and Village of Tivoli, with subcommittees for hamlets. Brenda is working on Town/Village of Red Hook

Michelle Greig of Greenplan gave a summary of issues – traditional neighborhood development, identifying areas next to the village appropriate for development, commercial uses, the connector road and identifying trail connections.

Brenda asked members what they thought the role of the CAC should be in the Task Force. Chairwoman Ruth Oja asked what densities are being considered, and suggested that alternatives for septic systems need to be considered. CAC members added that sidewalks and bicycle/pedestrian access and traffic calming features are important and suggested that Jim Rapoli be asked to review any road plans.

Brenda noted that Agricultural and Open Space Committee Chairman Robert McKeon asked the Task Force to review the proposed Agricultural Reserve District map. The Agricultural Reserve District map identifies areas where development should be strongly discouraged, as per the Comprehensive Plan. The Committee is considering a transfer-of-development rights program.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: CAC members discussed review of the Comprehensive Plan. Donna Griffith suggested that the CAC develop a check list for each section of the plan identifying points to look for. CAC members went through the sections and drafted a check list.

Matt de la Houssaye, who volunteers at Sustainable Hudson Valley, suggested that on-site handling of storm water should be encouraged in designs, and suggested that a resource book of green developers and energy star builders be developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7 PM at the Town Hall
Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ellis, Secretary