

Conservation Easement Review Committee

Draft Minutes 8/30/12

Members present: Trilby Sieverding, Sarah Imboden, Christine Kane, John Douglas and Mary Ann Johnson.

MA asked for approval of the minutes. All were in favor.

MA handed out the fiscal analysis and explained that it represented the fifty parcels selected by the committee to put through this exercise. She explained that she looked up the assessed values (land, building and total) on the Dutchess County Government website using Parcel Access. Mary Ann noted there were two different scenarios evaluated. First was the existing program in Red Hook and the second was the Orchard Park example. She also explained that through this initial data research, she identified parcels which would not be eligible (parcel that are wholly exempt) or parcels that may not meet the criteria (landlocked or flag lots or parcels in the ag district). Mary Ann indicated she will reduce the list by eliminating these types of parcels.

There was discussion and explanation on the analysis. Mary Ann offered to meet with Debbie Marks and determine property tax impacts.

The committee asked if Brenda to clarify the committee's charge. Members felt that they could not give a definitive "yes" or "no" without articulating the pros and cons of the program. Committee members agreed to submit to Mary Ann their personal list of pros and cons with the goal of Mary Ann putting together a draft report.

Committee will do pros and cons – by Tues, 9/12.

Next meeting Sept 27, 2012 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Johnson

Chairperson