Pawling Conservation Advisory Board - Agenda

Thursday 10/15/26, 6pm, American Legion Building

Present: Robert Bergdall – Chairman, Mark Chipkin – Vice Chair, Lori Asquith, Joe Willlie, Steven DiFalco, Lou Trombetta, Deborah Stewart,
Absent: Marie Vedder, Rick Wilson,

1. Planning Board
    a. 10/3 site survey - Little Whaley Application and draft letter
        i. Discussion of application – Adjoining lot owners Bruce & Beth Kraemer were present.
        ii. Mr. Kraemer feels there's so much steep slope that much of property would be unbuildable
        iii. Lou – Land trust is likely stepping up to make up difference between list price and a prior state offer.
        iv. Group discussed future potential intensity of use. Incorporated concern into letter.
        v. Final draft to be circulated for approval via e-mail.
    b. 10/5 meeting w/o audio – Rob has requested minutes
    c. Hannaford moving forward – $600K Performance bond to Town

2. Comprehensive Committee - Public Mtg #1 Tuesday 10/20 4-7pm, Town Hall
    a. Lori and Mark forwarded written comments. Lou provided a draft to Mark and Rob about water concerns.
    b. Group will begin researching a variety of code topics
        1. Tree preservation – Lori - Arbor Day information
        2. Viewshed and other Conservation Overlays
        3. Preventing forest fragmentation – Siting & driveways
        4. Aquifer protection and permeability mapping overlay
        5. Dark sky compliant lighting

3. Town Board – 10/7 & 10/14 Meetings
    a. Air BnB – Residents had concerns about higher than designed use and septic tank overflow or leach field saturation.
        i. Stephen forwarded recently passed local law in Rheinbeck for group review.

4. Solar – Joe – Currently no action until Climate Smart Communities grants announced.

5. Understory Grant – Steven
    a. Resolution passed at 10/14 meeting
    b. Group reviewed map showing overall project scope – Riparian restoration, community pavilion, stage 2 of garden.
    c. Steven will respond to Corinne Musella-Pitt question regarding source organization.

6. Lakeside Park – Draft letter regarding filming
    a. Group discussed potential remediation actions to include.
    b. Final draft to be circulated for approval via e-mail.