

Stuyvesant Greenway Committee II  
May 22, 2008  
Stuyvesant Town Hall

Attending: Gale Bury, Brian Chittenden, Peter Donahoe, Kent Keller, Juanita Knott, Ron Knott, Kristina Kwacz, Mike Naegeli, Bill Vick  
Absent: Tom Kilcer, Charlene Leach, Bob Leach

Secretary Kristina Kwacz stated that the March meeting minutes required some missing information, which Ron has provided. They will be emailed to committee members for review prior to the next meeting.

Chairman Ron Knott noted a correction on page two, 2<sup>nd</sup> para, 4<sup>th</sup> line of the April 24, 2008 meeting minutes. The words "could not be" are replaced by "is not". Ron made motion to accept the minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Juanita Knott. It passed with all in favor.

Pursuant to previous discussions by the Greenway Committee, Ron obtained a scope of services proposal for a Groundwater Protection Study and Plan from the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA). The proposal includes:

- 1) Compilation and mapping of available digital water well data
- 2) Completion of surficial geology and sand and gravel aquifer mapping for the Town as well as mapping of bedrock groundwater resources and household well yields
- 3) Identification and mapping of public water supply sources
- 4) Inventorying of potential contaminant sources and higher risk land uses
- 5) Determination of the sensitivity of local site conditions to potential contamination
- 6) Definition of sensitive areas that are developable
- 7) Computation of recharge rates and recommended minimum lot sizes
- 8) Preparation of a plan/report
- 9) Presentation of the plan/report

The committee noted that the map attached to the proposal identified an approximate aquifer area in the southeastern corner of the Town, in the hamlet extension area of Stuyvesant Falls. Bill Vick stated that the information this study could yield would be a great help for the Zoning Board when evaluating requests for variances. Gale Bury added that it would also be a valuable resource for the Planning Board. Ron noted that obtaining such a study is an uncompleted goal of the 1996 Comprehensive Plan.

Following discussion, Kristina made a motion that the committee supports the Town Board retaining NYRWA to undertake the Groundwater Protection Study as outlined. Peter Donahoe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ron will convey the motion to the Town Board at their next meeting.

Juanita reported that she contacted the State Greenway office and staff expressed willingness to review the committee's materials that have been compiled to date and assist as with additional follow through as we work toward completion of the comprehensive plan review. A follow-up

letter was mailed along with our draft Review of the Town of Stuyvesant 1996 Comprehensive Plan's Final Recommendations.

Ron informed the committee that he has suggested to Supervisor Valerie Bertram that the Town engage in discussion concerning wind energy. Specifically, should the town adopt a local law allowing windmills? Discussion then ensued regarding existing and proposed windmills in the county. Kent Keller stated that the public sentiment at a meeting in Gallatin regarding siting a windmill was very negative. Brian Chittenden described a windmill in Ghent on Route 66, which is only visible from Leggett Road (on Bartel Rd.)

In other comments, it was noted that windmills must be of a particular height in order to catch enough wind. Wind maps that reflect wind patterns in the entire state would be useful tools in determining optimal siting. There was concern that whether coastal polices and SASS (Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance) might impact the feasibility of siting windmills.

Pursuant to this discussion, Peter commented that the Comprehensive Plan might require a new section regarding energy and water resources in the comprehensive plan. Juanita suggested that wind could be discussed within the natural and cultural resources section. Kristina added that wind might fit under the economic development section, since energy is required to drive economic resources.

Ron stated that model ordinance options for wind energy are available at through NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) at [www.powernaturally.org](http://www.powernaturally.org)

Update on RR depot. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will start soon. Comfort station outside the building with a composting toilet. DOT has the plans hopefully the job will be put out to bid.

Bill Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Kent Keller seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Next meeting: June 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Kwacz  
Secretary