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TOWN OF GREENBURGH Conservation Advisory Council

Greenburgh Town Hall Steve Belasco Meeting Room Minutes of Meeting Thursday, April 12, 2018

1. **ROLL CALL**:

CAC Members Present: T. Tori, I. Evans, S. Hernstadt, M. Beal, M. Sigal, G. Theisen

Others: None

2. MINUTES of March 22, 2018

Approved with minor edit.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No new correspondence.

4. WETLANDS AND WATER COURSES PERMIT REFERRALS:

None.

5. **ON-GOING ITEMS:**

Alternate Members: The CAC is continuing to look for a Town resident to serve as an alternate member.

Update on Status of Tree Law: No new discussion.

Annual Report to Town Board: Chairperson Tori is preparing a draft of the Annual Report, and the CAC discussed the same.

Composting/Food Scrap Recycling: I. Evans informed the CAC that the Food Scrap Recycling is going well. The Town has sold 400 units. Scarsdale is beginning curbside pickup of Food Scraps.

Draft Bamboo Legislation: At the request of the Department of Community Development and Conservation, the CAC discussed the proposed legislation at length. The CAC felt that the legislation was narrowly focused on bamboo and did not address the larger environmental impacts from invasive species. The CAC felt that the legislation was problematic in terms of enforcement and monitoring. Chairperson Tori agreed to draft a response which would make reference to the CAC's recommended policy on invasive species, which was submitted to the Town Board on 7/13/2015, and which was never adopted.

Elmwood Country Club Development: The CAC has not received a reply from the Town Board regarding its email that the plan to increase density conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Plastic Bag Initiative: The CAC discussed recent initiatives by local municipalities such as the Town of New Castle to regulate the use of one-time use bags. I. Evans agreed to draft an email to the Town Board to reintroduce the recommendation the CAC made in this regard.

Expedited Review Process: The CAC discussed an email it received from G. Duquesne which made reference to an expedited review process. The CAC is unaware of any such expedited process and agreed to say as much in reply to the G. Duquesne email.

Email from Supervisor: The CAC was forwarded an email from P. Feiner which he received from a resident suggesting that the Town should consider regulating leaf blowers. The CAC agreed to send the resident a copy of its compromise legislation.

7. ESTABLISH DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 26, 2018.