MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 28, 11 AM, 2021

Community Center

Present – Chairman Ken Wolf, Sharon Santacroce, Marty Clarke, John Maziuk, Karen Detter, Anne O'Connell, Pat Benner, Paul Fohner and Susan Holt were present and comprised 100% attendance as well as made a quorum. Tom Janacek, Board liaison, was absent.

Call to Order: – Ken Wolf called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

Chairman's comments: - none

Approval of Agenda: - Approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes: - The minutes for our last meeting on March 24, 2021, were approved by acclamation.

Public Comments: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Follow up discussion as to where we stand with the approved motion regarding the natural landscaping around the ponds. Without Tom's input we deferred discussion.
- Status of the don't feed the geese signs. Also without Tom's input we deferred discussion.
- Report on geese grass. Sharon brought the committee up to date on her exhaustive research. Ken was of the opinion that there were no proven testimonials which would justify our bringing this matter and its expensive costs to the Board without more proven examples of the product and its results. The discussion became unruly with committee members unable to speak without interruptions.
- At 12:05 Clarke left the meeting and Ken took over the minutes.
- Follow up on the National Coastal Resilience Fund. we had asked Tom previously if there were other items that the OPA board/mgt wanted to get with MCBP on for grant consideration. We did not hear back from Tom and Ann advised that the initial response period had expired.
- Follow up on Route 90 pond boundaries. without Tom's input we could not advance this important issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Saving the shad in the Veterans Pond it was decided to further our discussions on this with the MCBP by getting the benefit of Eddie Wells knowledge and input
- Green Street article about grass clippings. John is working on an article for the OPA June newsletter requested by OPA mgt regarding the downside of blowing grass clippings in the canals/water. He will consult with MCBP as needed
- Research storm water mitigation in our drainage ditches. general discussion on pursuing this matter further with the MCBP
- Ideas for enhancement of the route 90 pond. discussion was suspended until we are clear on the ramifications of the boundaries issue.
- Mailbox clutter concern for large amounts of promotional literature stuck into mailboxes was brought to the committee by Sue

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Marty Clarke and Ken Wolf