

## PITTSFORD ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### Minutes

January 7, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stephen Heinzelman, Julie Marcellus, Hali Buckley, Seth O'Bryan

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Beckford, Town Board Liaison, Doug DeRue, Director of Planning Zoning & Dev., Paul Schenkel, Commissioner of Public Works, Jessica Neal, General Forman of Parks Department, & Renee McQuillen, Environmental Board Secretary and one member of the pu

**ABSENT:** Chris McCoy, Kim Weisbeck

**CHAIRMAN:** Steve Heinzelman

- Chairman Heinzelman opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.
- Chairman Heinzelman informed board members he had met with Supervisor Smith to brainstorm ways for the Environmental Board to expand their scope beyond review of Planning Board applications. Some of the ideas considered include working on reviews of pesticide usage within the Town, Comprehensive Plan review, RFQ review for Community Choice Aggregate and Solar Farm sites.

**TOWN BOARD UPDATE:** Kevin Beckford, Town Board Liaison

- Councilman Beckford updated the Environmental Board about the Town Board's review of the demolition code process.

### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- Board Member Buckley made a motion to approve the minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Board Member Marcellus seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved following a unanimous voice vote.

### OPEN COMMENTS:

Commissioner of Public Works, Paul Schenkel stated that he and General Forman for the Parks Department, Jess Neal were in attendance at the meeting to provide information on how the Town of Pittsford utilizes pesticides on Town playing fields and parks. He made mention of the fact that other towns in the region who are pesticide free might not have playing fields and park districts to maintain as is the case within the Town of Pittsford.

Commissioner Schenkel also cited that he and the Parks Department are working on creating an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan with a draft hopefully forthcoming within the next week. He also shared with all in attendance a chart breaking down the Town's pesticide usage in 2018. (Do you want to include that this was shared? If we do, then I will have to add it as an attachment to the minutes)

General Forman for the Parks Department, Jess Neal reviewed the Town's current practices and reviewed the application chart for 2018. She also shared with the Environmental Board some of the IPM practices that they are investigating, including over seeding, irrigation and using nematodes. She also indicated that the Town has a RFP out for grounds maintenance which includes pricing for an organic alternative.

**PLANNING BOARD UPDATE:** Doug DeRue, Staff Liaison

Due to the December Planning Board meeting being canceled there was no Planning Board update.

Chairman Heinzelman motioned to close the meeting seconded by Board Member Buckley & following a unanimous voice vote the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully,

Renee McQuillen  
Secretary to the Environmental Board