

**Avon Hills Initiative Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 28, 2009, 4:45 p.m.**  
**Room 150, New Science Center, Saint John's University**

**MINUTES**

1. Conference/Annual meeting update—Tom/Jenny
  - Introduction of Steve Dahlke, SJU student who has been working with Lindberg Ekola at the Forestry Resources Council. He'll be assisting with the conference planning.
  - Speakers are confirmed and a rough draft of the schedule is ready
  - Received \$500 sponsorship from Blattner. Still looking for other potential sponsors to help offset lower entry fee for kids, purchase speaker thank-yous, etc.
  - What about door prizes to encourage attendance/add festivity to the annual meeting?
  - Can we hold the annual meeting earlier in the day?
    - o Make it less of a meeting, focus instead on just the Initiative Awards presentation, thank people for coming, and introduce the keynote. Will it work to put the meeting at the beginning of the day?
    - o Jenny will work on schedule
2. Tom Daniels meeting with townships/conference—Tom
  - Need ideas for topics for Tom Daniels 2 talks at the Saturday conference. He'll discuss more technical issues with officials and interested residents on Friday.
    - o TDR 101
    - o Value of Design Standards/site assessment—"Building for Your Environment"
3. County ordinance update—Allan/Steve
  - Meeting scheduled for Nov. 6
  - County wants to ensure that the language applied in the ordinance will also apply outside the Avon Hills area
  - Ag overlay (county directed) vs. Envr. overlay (township directed)
    - o Facilitate dialogue to get county to implement more in the Envr. overlay to make it clearer for townships to implement
  - AHI committee is encouraged to read through the draft documents emailed by Angie Berg and send thoughts and suggestions to Allen or Steve before the November 6 meeting.
  - Working hard on bonuses for "green" development.
  - Building rights that are not subdivisions—must work to write the language to make it consistent with conservation values
4. Newsletter update—Jenny
  - Issue is coming together slowly. Need more direction as articles are turned down.
  - Currently have confirmations for: conference update, initiative awards, Avon revisioning, and a sidebar for CapX2020 updates
  - Have not heard from Jodi Teich on CR51

- Been asked not to pursue the bone excavation article—the issue was resolved well with good relations between all parties and would rather not stir up unnecessary media since there isn't much new news to report.
  - Tom will explore options for an Avon area history type of article
  - Maybe an Avon Area Arts update?
  - Summary of the year in the AHI (since we may skip the summary at the conference)?
5. Legislative initiative for rustic roads—Peter/Tom
- Residents are grateful for the designation on Schuman Lake Road
  - AHI should write to the legislature to request an amendment to the statute to allow for continued funding for rustic roads
    - o Create a draft resolution, take to annual meeting for vote? Put the draft resolution in participant folders.
    - o Have a booth in the Exhibit Hall for more information
6. Other business
- CapX2020—one of the proposed routes hits an SNA and the conservation overlay and the Saint Wendell Bog. AHI may have a seat at the table to discuss route alternatives in the near future.
  - Easements—still just 1 completed (Thomsens), 3 additional easements are confirmed and in process.