

Policy 9B: Encourage passive recreational enjoyment of the wildlife in the designated significant fish and wildlife habitats, on the Audubon Society sanctuaries on other public or private lands within the village, where such resources are found, as well as the protection of such resources.

This policy applies to the proposed project because the Gouveia property is on private lands within the village, and the proposed project is consistent with this policy because the open lawn area and potential new trail systems would provide passive recreational opportunities.

Policy 19A: Encourage the linkage of the open space along the Hudson and Croton Rivers in the form of a trail or walkway system. Such systems should be provided along undeveloped and underutilized land as well as along previously developed land.

This policy applies to the proposed project and the proposed project is consistent with this policy because if the Gouveia parcel were to be acquired, a new trail segment could be developed on the property initially providing recreational access to the wooded southerly section and ultimately to the entire property.

Policy 19B: Increases physical access to areas that have specific value for their physical and visual access to the Hudson River or Croton River and Bay.

This policy applies to the proposed project because of the location of the Gouveia property and the proposed project is consistent with this policy because there would be increased visual access to scenic Hudson River views from the sloping lawn area in the northerly portion of the site and the house overlooking the Hudson River. Future trails would also provide increased visual access.

Policy 25: Protect, restore or enhance natural and man-made resources which are not identified as being statewide significance, but which contribute to the overall scenic quality of the coastal area.

Again, the scenic views from the Mrs. Gouveia's home would provide visual access to sweeping views up and down the Hudson River.

Policy 44A: Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or siltation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.

The committee noted that village ownership of the property would preserve the woodland area on the southern portion of the property where the intermittent streams are located. Best management practices would need to be implemented to protect the watercourses and waterbodies if any future development for PRE (Park, recreation and educational) type uses is proposed.

Although outside the scope of the WAC's purpose, Mr. Kauderer wanted to suggest that perhaps an agreement could be made to allow for payment in lieu of taxes from the million dollar endowment that Mrs. Gouveia had offered. Mr. Kauderer thought this might diffuse dissent and would be good for the village.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2013, seconded by Mr. Kane, and carried all in favor 4-0. Mr. Kauderer abstained because he had been absent for that meeting.

Mr. Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2013, seconded by Mr. Kane, and carried all in favor 5-0.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Kane made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kauderer, and carried all in favor 5-0. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Rose
WAC Secretary