

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon

Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2017

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

Present: CAC members Cynthia Creech, David Farren, Peg Munves, Craig Westcott

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. There being no objections to the meeting minutes for June 5, they were approved.

We briefly discussed the public forum held on June 28 at Town Hall. All agreed that the presentation by Gretchen Stevens of the Natural Resources Conservation Plan (NRCP) draft was well received by the attendees, 25 in all. The audience seemed engaged and Gretchen received numerous suggestions that will help shape the final plan. Among the attendees were the Town Supervisor and one member of the Town Board, three members of the Planning Board including the Chair, and two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Peg Munves suggested that she and David Farren meet on July 12 to finalize the schedule for any remaining site verification visits for the NRCP. Currently, we have visited parcels representing roughly 16% of the town's total acreage.

We next turned our attention to three proposals pending before the Planning Board:

- Kolonics subdivision on Canaan Road (David Farren repurposed detailed observations from Gretchen Stevens as the CAC response)
- JoJo's Dream LLC Self-Storage at 658 U.S. Route 20 (Conrad and Lukas Coon to construct three new storage sheds on a 0.5-acre portion of a 20-acre site)
- Estate of Francis Amlaw minor subdivision, 14679 NYS Rte. 22 (divide 21.82-acre lot in two, with existing house on 3+ acres and the other c.19-acre lot, which includes a gravel pit, to be sold)

Cissy Hernandez had requested CAC responses to each proposal ahead of the Planning Board's monthly meeting on July 19. Cynthia Creech summarized our observations about the latter two proposals and agreed to submit formal CAC responses later in the week. We referred to maps on the Ellipsis tablet in responding to the proposals.

The next CAC monthly meeting will be provisionally on August 14. Should the Planning Board not need CAC input for their August meeting, however, the meeting will instead be on Monday, September 10, 2017, starting at 6:30 P.M. at Darrow's Samson Environmental Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by David Farren