

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon

Minutes for monthly meeting, January 8, 2018

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. Members approved the minutes for the monthly meeting on December 11, 2017.

We discussed the Town Board's approval by resolution of the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon 2017* (NRCP) at their meeting on December 12, 2017. Selling prices were also approved by resolution at \$25 per copy to the general public and \$10 per copy to landowners whose properties we had visited as part of the site verification process. Copies can be purchased through the Town Clerk's office.

We focused on tasks yet to be completed. Craig Westcott is thinking about the best choice of students to help with an online scenic resources inventory, which can start in early April once Darrow returns from its March break. We still need to identify potential Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) and act on other priorities identified in the plan. In addition, we agreed that updates to the plan should be addressed on an annual basis – i.e., maps, text, etc. can be updated once per year. Gretchen Stevens, our consultant, has promised to deliver the complete data files from Hudsonia.

Cynthia Creech has resigned from the Zoning Rewrite Committee (ZRC) and no one volunteered to join Peg Munves as the second CAC member on the ZRC. *[Note: At the Town Board meeting on January 9, David Farren agreed to serve.]* We discussed the CAC Roundtable scheduled for January 29 in Hudson and the Quad Board meeting scheduled for January 30 at Town Hall.

We next addressed pending proposals before the Planning Board. We understand that the Stewart's Shops expansion proposal has been tabled and haven't been notified of a hearing date for the Shed Man's consolidated site on U.S. Rte. 20. Peg had heard that Gaston Robert rented space in Tilden Plaza.

The next monthly meeting for the CAC will be Monday, March 12, 2018, starting at 6:30 P.M. at Darrow's Samson Environmental Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by David Farren