

## ***Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon***

Minutes for monthly meeting, May 7, 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. The minutes for the monthly meeting on April 9, 2018, were approved and will be submitted to the Town Clerk for posting on the town's web site.

We discussed developments in town. The former Shedman property at the junction of Routes 20 and 22 is for sale. Peg Munves would love to see that parcel preserved and opened to the public as a park. The Shaker Swamp Conservancy is reportedly not interested as they purchased 35 acres further east in the business district. We also discussed the Public Hearing scheduled for May 17 at the Firehouse regarding the possible sale to the Corkscrew Rail Trail of a foreclosed 3.4-acre parcel at 16 Lovers Lane that includes the abandoned rail bed.

We haven't made headway with a CAC-sponsored event for the summer recreation program in Shatford Park. With more lead time and the cooperation of Michelle Bienes, we hope to offer an environmentally-focused event next summer.

We discussed the celebratory event for the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan* (NRCP). We agreed it should be at David Farren's home on September 22, the autumn equinox. Gretchen Stevens will be leading a seminar in Putnam County that day but should be able to arrive by 7:00 P.M. We hope the Vispos can lead a nature walk on the property to kick things off.

We discussed the scenic resources inventory, both completing the map in the NRCP and making an interactive online version available. Craig Westcott suggested it could be done through the Town Clerk's office, using the town's computer consultant if necessary to add photos and starred locations.

Next, we addressed pending proposals before the Planning Board. The Michael Darcy application for a Home Occupation at 45 Lovers Lane for his trucking business requires a \$1,500 escrow payment to conduct a SEQR.

The next monthly meeting for the CAC will be Monday, June 11, 2018, starting at 6:30 P.M. at Darrow's Samson Environmental Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by David Farren*