

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon

Minutes for monthly meeting, August 13, 2018

New Lebanon Town Hall

Present: CAC members David Farren, Jack Lancto, Peg Munves

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. We approved the monthly meeting minutes for July 16, 2018, to be posted on the town's web site by the Town Clerk. Craig Westcott has yet to submit minutes for the monthly meeting on June 11, 2018.

We discussed developments in town. David Farren shared information on the Taconic Hiking Club from Karen Ross, who asks that CAC members consider joining for the annual membership fee of \$10. She fears the club may be in jeopardy due to lack of membership. The c.39-mile hiking trail along the Taconic Crest depends on volunteers to keep it safe for public use. Jack Lancto noted that the permitting process for a new mobile home park on Route 20, opposite an existing one, proceeded smoothly. David will attend the Planning Board's monthly meeting on August 15. An agenda has yet to be distributed but it seems likely that the Lover's Lane Home Occupation would be an item. Peg Munves heard that the Stewart's Shops proposal had been approved.

We discussed the celebratory event for the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan* (NRCP) on September 22. The Vispos will walk through David's property on September 17 starting at 1:00 P.M. to prepare for the nature walk. David and Peg will hand address envelopes, add stamps, and mail the invitations later this week. Invited with an RSVP date of September 17 will be the 22 property owners who participated in the NRCP, other supporters, and every member of the town's various boards. Peg can provide 14 folding chairs if needed.

David volunteered to present the first conservation topic from the NRCP at the Town Board meeting tomorrow evening. We agreed to focus on water resources and highlight the plan's lengthy list of actions recommended for adoption by municipal boards.

The online scenic resources inventory and updated map still need to be completed.

David and Peg will attend the next Zoning Rewrite Committee meeting on August 28. The language for ponds, with input from Jeff Hattat, is ready for approval.

The next monthly meeting for the CAC will be Monday, September 10, 2018, starting at 6:30 P.M. at the New Lebanon Town Hall. Steven Winkley of the New York Rural Water Association will present a progress report on his Source Water Protection Plan. David will inform other members of the Task Force.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by David Farren