

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

Minutes for monthly meeting, December 10, 2018

New Lebanon Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. We approved minutes for the monthly meeting on November 12, 2018, to be posted on the town's web site by the Town Clerk.

Cynthia Creech provided details of a forum on conservation scheduled by Grow the Valley for January 12, 10:00 A.M. – Noon, at Town Hall. Several guest speakers will address the topic, "Is Conservation in Peril?" We agreed that the CAC should present at the forum and Craig Westcott suggested "It's all about the Shed, Man." Peg Munves volunteered to help Craig prepare a PowerPoint with photos of wetlands, uplands, view sheds and agricultural lands. The presentation would highlight action plans from the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan*.

At tomorrow evening's meeting of the Town Board, David Farren will suggest that a revision of the Comprehensive Plan be considered. Cynthia affirmed that Grow the Valley fully supports a revision. Many of the 2005 maps are out of date and other topics, such as solar arrays, updated floodplain data and small-scale farming, weren't covered in depth in 2005. The Hudson Valley Greenway has a deadline of February 9 for submitting a grant application that could cover the cost of a consultant to help with the revision. David will speak to Nan Stolzenburg, the consultant who wrote the 2005 plan, to find out if she is available to help.

The CAC reiterated its interest in identifying possible Critical Environmental Areas in town, especially within the watershed. We would like to see an updated floodplain map. Also, we need to update the Scenic Resources inventory.

The Zoning Rewrite Committee's submission of a cluster of recommended changes to the zoning ordinances may be debated tomorrow evening by the Town Board.

David will reach out to Paul Rix to determine his interest in serving as a CAC member. He will also ask Donna, the clerk in the Land Use Office, to issue the monthly Planning Board agenda prior to the CAC's monthly meeting.

The next monthly meeting for the CAC will be Monday, January 7, 2019, starting at 6:30 P.M. at the New Lebanon Town Hall. This is the first Monday. The Town Board will meet the next day, the second Tuesday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by David Farren*