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**Subject:** Re: Conservation Advisory Council

Dear Colleen and CAC Members

Here are the minutes from our most recent meeting. Please note that the next meeting will be June 11, 2012 at the Darrow School SEC.

New Lebanon CAC

05.14.2012 Meeting

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

Attendees: Larry Benson (Chair), Craig Westcott (Secretary), David Farren, Jack Lancto

Call to order 6:35pm

-Mike Blatt emailed Larry to say that he could not attend

-Larry asked Darla Dobert (Deputy Town Clerk) to send an email to the CAC with the start time of 630pm. Start time in the published minutes was 6:00pm.

Agenda

-Reports on recent Town Board Meetings (Larry-April) (David-May)

-Exchanging materials from Craig:

Larry takes Conservation Advisory Councils

David takes Habitat Survey and OSI and NRI documents from Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia

-Next steps

-Craig will email a reminder to CAC one week before each subsequent meeting

-NL CAC will begin to coordinate information with the Town of Chatham CAC

-Craig will facilitate by emailing Ellen Jouret-Epstein

-NL CAC will develop a plan to create an Open Space Inventory. To do so, we need:

-Advice from a CAC who has completed an OSI. Larry will ask Ellen if she has an outline for an OSI.

-Tax rolls for all property in the Town of New Lebanon. Larry will ask Cissy Hernandez.

-Current GIS imagery for Town of New Lebanon. Craig will ask Doug Clark.

Next Meeting. Monday June 11, 2012, 6:30pm. Darrow School Samson Environmental Center.

Best

Craig

On Mon, Apr 2, 2012 at 7:53 PM, Craig Westcott - FAC <[westcottc@darrowschool.org](mailto:westcottc@darrowschool.org)> wrote:

Dear Colleen and CAC members  
  
I have attached the 2010 Annual CAC report for you to review. I will also include the minutes that I took of the meeting below so they can be submitted for the record.

Town of New Lebanon, NY CAC

Meeting Minutes: Monday, April 2, 2012

Present: Larry Benson, Mike Blatt, Jack Lancto, David Farren, Craig Westcott (minutes)

6:00pm the meeting began

Craig began with a brief description of how this iteration of the group was brought together, and mentioned the Open Meeting Law, offered to compile and submit minutes, and offered to share experience with the previous iteration of the CAC.

All members shared their interest in the work of the CAC.

-Larry Benson: preserve agricultural open space and rural character of the town

-Mike Blatt: interested in preserving the environment of New Lebanon

-Jack Lancto: clean up/preserve Spring House in Lebanon Springs, and protecting surface water resources

-David Farren:  Concerned about watershed resources

-Craig Westcott: Conservation Education, Open Space Inventory, Natural Resources Inventory

>CAC will circulate several documents from the previous CAC:

- the Comprehensive Plan: Mike

-Columbia Land Conservancy Land Use Workshop Series on CAC development: David

-The NYState DEC Habitat Survey: Jack

-The Town of Hillsdale, NY Open Space Inventory and Natural Resources Inventory primers: Larry

>CAC requests that the Town of New Lebanon planning board/zoning board forward any EIS/SEQRA applications within the town.

>CAC decided to meet on the second Monday of every month unless otherwise noted. The next Monday meeting will occur in the Samson Environmental Center at Darrow School on Monday May 14th, 2012 from 6-8pm.

>Larry Benson was nominated  as Chair by David, Craig seconds, all in favor.

>Craig agrees to act as Secretary of the CAC.

Inaugural meeting adjourned 7:50pm

On Thu, Mar 15, 2012 at 4:07 PM, Colleen Teal/NL Town Clerk <[townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com)> wrote:

Hi All:

At the Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 13th, the Town Board appointed the following five members to the Conservation Advisory Council:

Larry Benson      [shakerview@aol.com](mailto:shakerview@aol.com)

Michael Blatt      [mike.blatt@herringtons.com](mailto:mike.blatt@herringtons.com)

David Farren      [dlfarren@gmail.com](mailto:dlfarren@gmail.com)

Jack Lancto         [lancto@fairpoint.net](mailto:lancto@fairpoint.net)

Craig Westcott  [Westcott@darrowschool.org](mailto:Westcott@darrowschool.org" \t "_blank)

Welcome and thank you!!  One of the first orders of business for the Conservation Advisory Council is the selection of a Chairperson from among your members. Once this is decided, please advise me.  Thank you!

Colleen

Colleen Teal, RMC

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               (Aug. 16th - Dec. 1st, Fridays 9:00 am - 7:00 pm)

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