07.29.2014 Meeting

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

Attendees: Cynthia Creech, Jack Lancto, Craig Westcott (Secretary), David Farren, Christine Vanderlan (guest), Evan Thaler-Null (guest)

Call to order 6:40pm

Adjourned at 8:06pm

Evan Thaler-Null, of West Street, New Lebanon, is interested in becoming a CAC member and will inquire with the Town Clerk to begin the appointment process.

David spoke with Evan Burgess, a rising senior at New Lebanon High, who is interested in helping with a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI).

We identified possible partners who could help with the NRI: The Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program (Claudia Knabb-Vispo), Hudsonia (Gretchen Stevens), The New Lebanon Town Board, the latter especially as the CAC approaches funding sources.

September 29th is the date for a CLC Woodlands, Wetlands, and Water workshop (typically at Columbia-Greene CC). The next CAC roundtable hosted by CLC will be tentatively October 20, 2014 in Greenport, and will focus on the draft of the Ancram Natural Resource Conservation Plan.

In Ancram, the CAC wants access to landowners so they can do biological assessment. Their strategy has been to produce newsletters about conservation issues as a way to show the benefits of their work.

The Open Space Inventory has yet to be approved by the Town Board. The CAC [Cynthia] will ask to be put on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting in order to 1. Request that Board member Dan Evans be designated as CAC liaison and 2) ask if the Town has reviewed the OSI and if so, if there is any feedback, and what must occur for it to be approved and made official so that the recommendations therein can begin to be implemented.

**The next meeting of the New Lebanon CAC will occur on Monday September 8, 2014 from 630-800pm**, at Darrow School in the Samson Environmental Center Building.