

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon

Minutes for September 9, 2019; New Lebanon Town Hall

Present: CAC members Cynthia Creech, David Farren, Bob Gilson, Peg Munves, Paul Rix

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. We approved the meeting minutes for August 12, 2019, to be posted on the town's web site by the Town Clerk.

We reviewed briefly the controversies that arose during the Town Board's August meeting. David Farren distributed information about the Conservation and Land Use 101 Webinar Series and a streams workshop offered by the Hudson River Estuary Program. The streams workshop on September 14 conflicts with the family picnic at the Rasmussen home. However, Bob Gilson may attend. Peg Munves will reach out to Steve Winkley to determine when we might receive his completed water study.

Cynthia Creech will focus on the 2020 budgeting process. We agreed to request \$1,200 for the CAC again. Michael Clough has not submitted his invoice for his raptor presentation on August 2 despite clear directions from both David and Paul Rix; we would like to re-enlist Michael for next summer.

We continued our review of the Action Plan in the *2005 Comprehensive Plan*, getting about half way through, and agreed to complete the task at our October meeting. Many action items remain unfulfilled.

David and Steve Powers toured scenic viewsheds and identified scenic roads in the western part of town on August 19. The viewsheds had been identified just before the *2017 Natural Resource Conservation Plan* went to press and were not included. Steve took wide-angle photographs and several videos and will return to these locations to capture autumn colors for the interactive inventory we would like to post on our web site.

David will attend the Planning Board meeting on September 18, should one be necessary. We are not aware of any pending proposals that require a response from the CAC.

The first meeting of the expanded ZRC to address a revision of the *2005 Comprehensive Plan*, to include four community members who were selected through an interview process, will be September 17. Meanwhile, the ZRC is completing definitions and considering regulations for short-term rentals and will address needed changes to the use table.

We agreed to move up the next monthly CAC meeting to Monday, October 7, 2019, starting at 6:30 P.M. at the New Lebanon Town Hall. The Town Board's monthly meeting will be the next evening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by David Farren