

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon

Minutes for monthly meeting held on June 14, 2021, at the Shatford Park Pavilion

Present: CAC members David Farren, Robert Gilson, Donald Lamonaca, Adelia Moore, Peg Munves, Steve Powers, Paul Rix; Town Board liaison Deb Gordon; Guests Marianna Anthonisen, Michael Deegan, Cassidy Lancelin & Brittany (his fiancee), Phyllis Stoller

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. We approved the minutes for the monthly meeting on May 11, 2021, and they will be sent to the Town Clerk for posting.

Trees for Tribs: Cassidy Lancelin, a local arborist, attended the meeting to express his concern for the way trees were planted in Shatford Park. Cassidy said that he felt the project was overplanted but that things could be rectified. He acknowledged that the project is well-intended. He offered to help make adjustments to make the plantings more aesthetically appealing. The CAC thanked Cassidy for his feedback and resolved to stay in touch. Peg Munves made an appeal for volunteers to help with watering the seedlings.

Raptor Presentation: Paul Rix reported that he has been in contact with the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum about doing another raptor presentation for summer campers in Shatford Park. The date has yet to be set by Michelle Bienes.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The variance request for the RV storage facility at the former site of the Shedman would have been denied. However, the applicant withdrew the request for a variance and a different owner will propose a new plan directly to the Planning Board that does not require a variance. Michael Deegan said that the new owner had paid \$625,000 for the property. He also suggested that Serge Bervy is still involved.

Critical Environmental Areas: David announced a second training on Tuesday, July 13, at 4:00 P.M. Going forward, the training will always be scheduled for that time on the Tuesday of the Town Board meeting and via Zoom for the foreseeable future. Hudsonia and the Estuary Program staff foresee training at least through the end of the year. The inaugural training session will be made available to CAC members on video.

2020 Annual Report: David will request that Marcie post the 2020 Annual Report this week. CAC members suggested no amendments.

Skate Park: Paul Rix reported that he had been looking into environmentally friendly alternatives to cement to lay a pad for the skate park. It will take up to 15 loads of cement to create the foundation. Marianna Anthonisen suggested that we investigate substituting hempcrete as was done at the RPA's Albert Family Community Forest.

The next CAC Meeting will be held at Town Hall on July 12, 2021, starting at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Gilson