

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon
Minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting held at Town Hall

Present: Tyler Fogg, Deb Gordon, Peg Munves, Bill O'Neill, Steve Powers, Bruce Shenker

Co-Chairperson Peg Munves called the meeting to order at 6:35. The minutes for the January 9, 2023 meeting were approved.

CAC Subcommittees: Subcommittee members were specified with changes.

Water Study:	Peg Munves, Bill O'Neill, Steve Powers, Donald Lamonaca
CEA:	Bruce Shenker, Donald Lamonaca, Tyler Fogg , Steve Powers
Park and T4T:	Tyler Fogg, Bill O'Neill, Peg Munves
ZRC:	Steve Powers, Donald Lamonaca
BEDC:	Peg Munves ,Donald Lamonaca
Planning BD:	Bob Gilson, Bruce Shenker subbing
CSC:	Bruce Shenker, Steve Powers, Bob Gilson
NRCP Review:	Bill O'Neill

Liaisons other Town BDs: TBD

Peg Munves reopened the discussion of Facebook posts. It was proposed CAC post to Facebook via the CSC page. Posts could be original or linked to something news worthy or pertinent to the CAC.

Peg Munves reported ARPA monies are available for WASTE WATER testing. An RFQ for engineering is being written. Capital Region Environmental was identified as the company that can perform a Routine Physical and Chemical Analysis for \$245. It should be determined if reimbursing property owners for well testing complies with town rules and ARPA funding. If not, what is the correct sequence.

It was noted the source water DWSP2 was sent to the Town Board for approval. It was suggested the Habitat Assessment Form be shown to the Town Board to allow Planning Board to consider it in their decisions. Bruce Shenker volunteered to present the forms at the next Planning Board meeting.

A CEA encompassing the main aquifer should be created. The aquifer boundaries have to be defined.

Committee Updates:

PB: Peg Munves read a report submitted by Bob Gilson. Camp DD would build 5 30X120 structures on the old Shed Man site.

A Dollar General store is coming to RT 20 pending additional forms completed. Also an EV charging station will be installed on this site.

A public hearing for short-term rental on County Rte. 34. No one spoke at the hearing; the Planning Board will vote on it at their February meeting.

CSC: Steve Powers reported solar panels would be installed on Town Hall after the project goes out for bid. A grant for composting is pending. ARPA proposal for the Rail Trail was written.

Town clean up will be April 22- Earth Day.

ZRC: Solar- It was recommended solar development be decoupled from the commercial district and an overlay be created including three sites, the end of Tilden Rd, Darrow School and the elementary school.

Steve Powers made the following motion:

“ The CAC approves the proposed changes to the Solar Code in Town as proposed by the ZRC and we recommend including the super fund site as well.”

The proposal was approved by all present.

NL School District water testing update as reported by Steve Powers
The district has 2 but will be getting a third tank. The project will cost \$152K -\$200K all-in with illegal fees and water purchases etc.
Anticipating 30% refunded from NY State.

The County received a grant for Hazard Mitigation. New Lebanon will adhere to the County's implementation of the program.

Environmental Advocates of NY meet every other week. This group advocates against PFAS and other contaminants. It was suggested we have a volunteer monitor their meetings.

The next CAC meeting is March 13, 2023 6:30PM at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Donald Lamonaca

