

**Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon, Town Hall**  
**May 8, 2023**

**Present:** CAC members: Tyler Fogg, Donald Lamonaca, Peg Munves, Bruce Shenker and Bill O’Neill.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M. The minutes for the April 10th meeting were approved as amended.

Update on DWSP2 – Still awaiting approval by NYS. The CAC will obtain two large maps that will facilitate the recording of water testing data in the town. General discussion of what kind of testing and when such testing should begin.

Committee Updates

Planning Board – no report

CSC – has arranged for plastic bag recycling at Town Hall, a Repair Café was held at LVPA in April, and the composting project is going well.

ZRC – no report.

Joint BEDC/CAC Wastewater Feasibility – CAC members Donald Lamonaca and Peg Munves attended a very informative class about how to conduct water tests held by the NYS DEC. They also interviewed four engineering firms for presentations concerning possible wastewater treatment. It is expected that a recommendation will be made to the Town Board for its June meeting.

Update on NLHS water treatment – a water filtration system hazardous chemicals has been installed.

Aquifers - Peg Munves and Bruce Shenker consulted with Hudsonia members to discuss the pros and cons of CEA’s versus Conservation Overlay restrictions for such areas. Conservation Overlays are preferable as they would cover the broad area of the aquifer rather than obtaining permission of numerous individual owners. Also, Conservation Overlays provide better protection because of restricted uses allowed in the aquifer. A recommendation to the Town Board may be made after further consideration and discussion.

T4T – the tree tubes have been mostly checked and mulched; most of the tree limbs that fell from the large willows have been cleared and stacked, the largest willow has several high hanging limbs that may present a safety concern. The stream continues to severely erode and information will be gathered about securing the banks.

Other Business – Tyler Fogg will write a Face Book about wildlife corridors in the NL area. Other members will adapt information from the NRCP for similar posts.

Donald Lamonaca and Bill O’Neill will attend a seminar entitled Planning for Nature in Your Community workshop on Monday, May 15 at CGCC sponsored by the NYS DEC.

The next CAC Meeting is currently scheduled for June 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M. *Respectfully submitted by Bill O’Neill*