

## **New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council**

Minutes for CAC Meeting November 6, 2023 – 6:30 PM – Town Hall

Approval of October Minutes.

Update on CAC Budget and ARPA Funds: The CAC budget for next year includes an OSI grant (a \$20,000 project and the town has to match 15% which was \$3,000). \$4000 for various expenses associated with the DWSP2, Summer Youth Program fee, and other ongoing projects. There remains about \$21,000.00 in ARPA funds for further water testing.

Discussion of Open Space Inventory grant status.

Update on DWSP2 – Status of state approval still pending from DEC, perhaps in late December.

Update on water testing and results. 74 tests done to date, some of those are repeats. Status of notification of homeowners and further work on public education on water for residents. The County DOH will share testing information and accompany the CAC on the next round of testing.

### Committee Updates:

Planning Board – Steve Powers & Peg Munves will attend the next meeting.

CSC – Silver level status is pending. Heat pumps next level is pending.

ZRC – nothing new.

### Other Committees

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Still pending

Open Space Inventory - deadline 2025 for Comp Plan pending information from the county.

Other business: Meeting scheduled for February 10 at 11 am at the New Lebanon Library for water testing seminar and information distribution. Invasive removal with Tyler Levy, Forester, Division of Lands & Forests, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to be scheduled in March.

Town Board Member Deborah Gordon gave a report on the status of natural springs in Troy. Saratoga Springs and the Village of Afton that are on municipal, unlike Lebanon Springs which is on private land and the ownership of which is currently in litigation. While water is available there is substantial state & county pressure to close these springs. All spring water is tested and public opinion favors keeping the springs open.

Next meeting: December 11, 2023

Adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill O'Neill