

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon
Minutes for monthly meeting
August 12, 2024

Present: CAC members: Bob Gilson, Donald Lamonaca, Peg Munves, Bill O'Neill, Steve Powers, Bruce Shenker

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. The July minutes were approved as presented.

Drinking Water Source Protection Plan: Donald and Peg tested 12 wells last month. There are currently about 20 people on the waiting list to have their wells tested. The ARPA funds will be going into an account with Capital Region Environmental Labs so the CAC will be able to continue testing for some time.

Critical Environmental Areas: Everything is on hold for the moment.

Wastewater Feasibility Study: The study will begin in the fall.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Steve said that he just got the final draft of the report and has not read it yet.

Open Space Inventory: Bob & Bruce have been working on editing and updating the 2014 Open Space Inventory (OSI.) Several new sections have been added in the first draft including an Indigenous Peoples acknowledgement, a definition of Open Space, Trees for Tribes, Critical Environmental Areas, and the CSC. A working group will meet on August 19 to review what has been done to date and determine next steps.

CSC: Steve Powers reported that the Town Board approved the bids for work on the garage. All of the brackets for the solar panels have been installed on the garage roof. The heat pumps for the garage will be installed later this month. If all of the work is approved by the State by October 1, the Town will receive another \$250,000.

Zoning Re-write Committee: Donald said that the ZRC has been reviewing materials related to the Shaker Preservation/Historic District.

Trees for Tribes: Some of the tubes have been shortened or removed. Some of the trees have been damaged or broken, but by and large, things are looking good. We are still waiting for the Rec Committee to take over maintenance of the trees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M. The next CAC Meeting is scheduled September 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Gilson