

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon
Minutes for monthly meeting
September 9, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. The August minutes were approved as presented.

Water Source Protection Plan: Donald and Peg continued to test wells. They did a Level 5 test for the Community Center. \$6,000 of the ARPA funding has been returned to the town for the Level 5 test and for the Wastewater Feasibility Study town portion of grant. The remaining ARPA funds will be going into a special account with our testing lab so the CAC will be able to continue testing into 2025. With the July 2024 FINAL APPROVAL from DEC of the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DSWP2), we are working on next steps beyond testing. It's not clear whether we still are working with the New York State Rural Water Association, or if we are on our own.

Critical Environmental Areas: We might look into studying the aquifer as a potential CEA after the election.

Wastewater Feasibility Study: The engineer will begin the study in October. Peg asked for volunteers to survey business owners to see if they support the idea of installing a water treatment system in the central commercial district. Bob and Bill and Donald agreed to help.

Open Space Inventory: Bob reached out to Nan Stolzenberg to see if she will work with the CAC as a consultant on the OSI. He also reached out to Monique Tyndall, Cultural Affairs Director for the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians to seek their approval for the draft of our Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Trees for Tribs: The trees are looking good. The CAC continues to work on them. They need to be mulched before the winter. We are still waiting for the Rec Committee to take over maintenance of the trees.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Steve said that he has still not read the final draft of the report.

CSC: Steve Powers reported that solar panels will be installed next week. The Climate Carnival will be held on September 14. Electronics recycling was a big success. Fifty-two TVs were recycled.

The next CAC Meeting is scheduled October 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Gilson