

## **Minutes for CAC Meeting February 2, 2026**

Attending: Bruce Shenker, Peg Munves, Donald Lamonaca, Bill O'Neill - Special guest Danielle Patterson

Peg Munves called meeting to Order at 5:01

January minutes approved. Motion by Donald seconded by Peg

**Wastewater Feasibility Study:** Study not yet completed. Possible modification of sidewalk project may affect the wastewater project, as does moving proposed treatment area on Coon's property. CAC Town Newsletter article outlines testing aggregate results in Bus District. Which shows the water quality issues the area is facing

**Fuel oil spill:** Insurance company on the scene, digging out and mitigating the problem. Peg in touch with New Leaf Farm and other neighbors below on Main Street to determine any potential impact and will test. CRENV lab offering discount per test @\$120 (\$165 normal cost)

**Trees for Tribs:** Danielle Patterson from Rec Committee attended discussion. She shared Town feedback as plants being eyesores caused by scraggly trees and tubes. Suggests looking into native grasses to help control streambank erosion, began discussion of what to do, if anything, about erosion. Erosion and flood control is focus of the T4T project. Rec Committee interested in working with CAC to manage trees going forward. Open to move or remove trees which we will all decide on this spring. Idea of donating tubes to CLC or Columbia County soil and water

**Involve High School in Conservation:** Birdhouse project also mentioned by Rec Committee, build paint and hang birdhouses in park. Donald to research basic design, there are several birdhouse builders in New Lebanon, Peg to explore connection to school and Rec Committee on the project

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Comp Plan Survey went out with town newsletter and also available online, please encourage everyone to fill it out

Extensive CAC update in town newsletter discusses Room Enough For Both: Planning for Affordable Housing project

Robert Gilson has resigned from CAC but will stay in touch for special projects, his work is greatly appreciated

Peg suggested all members review NRPC to find area or idea to be looked at it in more depth

Bruce to revisit OSI and follow through on online interactive access to maps

Possible inquiry into additional CEA - tbd

Bill motioned to adjourn at 5:42. Peg seconded

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Shenker