

05.20.2013 Meeting

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

Attendees: Craig Westcott (Secretary), David Farren, Larry Benson, Cynthia Creech

Call to order 6:41pm

Adjourned at 8:05pm

David reported on a webinar he viewed about open space conservation.

David has been on multiple guided hikes in the Hand Hollow Conservation Area in New Lebanon.

The group spent a good deal of time “orienting” Cynthia to the charge of the committee and history of the work. Cynthia will connect with Cissy to ensure that she is receiving emails of the planning and zoning boards.

The recent advice given on the DRAFT Open Space Inventory by Ellen J-E of CLC was considered and the group set a rough plan for implementation.

David volunteered to apply Ellen’s advice to the DRAFT OSI and then circulate it among the members of the CAC for comment, with the goal of convening a public comment period in the fall prior to “publishing” it as an advisory document for the Planning/Zoning Board.

Craig reported on the Forest Legacy program and that the Federal money had been appropriated for the conservation easement. This process will continue with site visits to see whether or not the landowners will come to agreement.

The next meeting of the New Lebanon CAC will occur on Monday May 10, 2013, from 630-800pm, at the Darrow School in the Samson Environmental Center Building.