

06.10.2013 Meeting

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

Attendees: Craig Westcott (Secretary), David Farren, Cynthia Creech, Jack Lancto

Call to order 6:44pm

Adjourned at 8:00pm

-David Farren attended the following workshops:

- Hudson Valley Conservation Finance Forum at Columbia-Greene Community College, presented by two gentlemen from the Trust for Public Lands.
- DEC in Albany, Annual Advisory for EMCs and CACs. Information on the new SEQR platform, on which they are working on a new handbook and integration with Global Information Systems (GIS) data. Data on post flood emergency stream erosion prevention training was also presented. The training manual [dec.ny.gov/lands/86450.html](http://dec.ny.gov/lands/86450.html) is online through the DEC and would be a good resource for the New Lebanon Highway Department Supervisor.

-The balance of the meeting was dedicated to reviewing his recent changes to the DRAFT OSI and planning to initiate the public comment period.

-The Public Comment Period shall have long enough duration, multiple convenient locations and times to accommodate as much participation as possible. Three meetings over six months scheduled well ahead of time would be ideal. The CAC will inquire about the possibility of convening meetings at the New Lebanon Town Hall, the Walter B. Howard Elementary School, and Darrow School.

Proposed schedule:

Town Hall: Monday, September 23, 2013, 7:00pm-8:30pm (Cynthia).

Walter B. Howard Elementary: Monday, November 18, 2013, 7:00pm-8:30pm (Jack).

Darrow School: Monday January 20, 2014, 7:00-8:30pm (Craig).

Cynthia will also inquire about the possibility of a budget for the CAC to administer the Public Comment Period. A key item for this budget would include multiple reproductions of maps and reports to be used in the Public Comment process, and possibly some funds to advertise the events. Other advertising venues are the sign in front of the LVPA, the sign in front of the Library, the Town and LVBA e-newsletters, and local newspapers/newsletters.

Next steps for the OSI draft are to integrate the view shed and bedrock studies.

**The next meeting of the New Lebanon CAC will occur on Monday July 8, 2013, from 630-800pm, at the Darrow School in the Samson Environmental Center Building.**