

11.10.2014 Meeting

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

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

Call to order 6:35pm

Adjourned at 8:00pm

The CAC would like to invite landowners in the town to view the DVD Liquidity, which is about woodlands, wetlands, and water. Cynthia will work with the folks at the Town Hall to secure a date, and then the CAC will advertise. Monday January 26 2014 is the target date. CAC will invite all in the town to attend via Town Clerk email and reach out to a selected group with more personal invitations. David will begin to compile an email list that will ultimately become the CAC distribution list.

The CAC discussed the presentation of the Ancram Natural Resource Plan, particularly the Conservation Areas and how these were unique to the town. This process could be replicated in New Lebanon.

One possible approach to the NRI is to start with the property owners who we think would invite us onto their property:

Vivian Steinberg – 318 acres on West Hill/West Street

Chris Dreyfuss – 500 acres on Hand Hollow Road

Ginger Delano – 100+ on rt. 22 (The Knob)

Helen Burton – 100+ on Canaan Road

Karen Ross – 100+ on Poole Hill

Gillson – Beacon Hill Road

Bob Weber – Dunroven Road

Rickey Properties – Hand Hollow Road

Circumneutral Bog Lake

What other NRI resources already exist?

-CLC baseline data for Hand Hollow Conservation Area

-Habitat info from imminent DEC State Forest

-CLC baseline data on properties under conservation easement

-The CAC needs training in order to know how to assess the NR of the parcels that we visit, (Craig will ask Gretchen about the Biodiversity Assessment Training that is available through Hudsonia)

-The CAC needs to recruit a Site Visit Team (Flying Deer Nature Center, West Street Farm, Climbing Tree Farm, Raven and Boar, Mountain Road School, Darrow School,

What is the criteria for assessing the NRI of a site?

-Aerial survey (Craig ask Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia what they do, how much \$) to identify those NR features present at that scale

-Site visit, field study

What is the activity of a site visit?

-Tour with landowner to learn what they know

-apply bioassay skills

**The next meeting of the New Lebanon CAC will occur on Monday December 8, 2014 at the Samson Environmental Center at Darrow School, 6:30-8:00pm.**