

03.09.2015 Meeting

Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School

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

Call to order 6:39 pm

Adjourned at 8:00 pm

The CAC began the meeting with a moment of silence to honor the passing of Bruce Baldwin.

The CAC has reserved the New Lebanon Town Hall to screen this film for the community on April 20, 2015, 6-7:30 p.m.

The CAC discussed that the first Roundtable for Conservation Advisory Councils occurs on Monday, March 16, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 555 Joslen Boulevard, Hudson. David Farren will attend.

The goals of the meeting include:

- To begin discussions to create informal agreements with owners of large land parcels to gain access to conduct interviews and on-the-ground assays of existing natural resources.
- To recruit a group of people to join the CAC in conducting these assays and publishing them to the town planning boards to assist in their decision-making.

The schedule for the event is:

0:00 **Intro** to CAC, our mission, and the work that we've done (Open Space Inventory) [5 min.]

0:05 Frame the **purpose** of the evening: to view a video about wetlands, discuss our next project (NRI), give an existing example of an NRI in NLeb (Shaker Swamp), a broader example (Ancram), and finally generate some commitments of folks willing to show us around their lands in service of the NRI [10 min.]

0:15 **Video** [20 min.]

0:35 Shaker Swamp/Ancram **Examples** [20 min.]

0:55 **Plan**/discuss NRI project (Why, What, Who, When, How?) [35 min.]

:90 Thank you/Goodnight!

The CAC will advertise the event by announcing it in Grow the Valley (Cynthia), through the email distribution list maintained by Town Clerk Colleen Teal, and through emails to owners of larger land parcels in the town.

The next meeting of the New Lebanon CAC will occur on Monday April 20, 2015, at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 6:00-7:30pm.

Henceforth, the CAC will meet on the fourth Monday of each month, starting with Monday May 25, 2015 at the Samson Environmental Center at Darrow School.