

11.16.2015 Meeting Minutes, Town of New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council
Samson Environmental Center, Darrow School
Attendees: Cynthia Creech, David Farren, Craig Westcott.
Call to order 6:33 pm
Adjourned at 8:00 pm

The CAC discussed recent grant awards in New Lebanon and Columbia County, including \$700,000 USDA to Hawthorne Valley Association, \$175,000 Kaplan Innovation to Behold! New Lebanon, and \$21,520 Hudson River Estuary program to the New Lebanon CAC. Darrow School is ready to host Gretchen Stevens, biologist with Hudsonia, LTD, and volunteers for training sessions on Wednesday mornings beginning December 2, though it is unlikely that the funding will become available until early 2016. Gretchen is available as soon as the money is granted.

How to get other volunteers involved on Wednesday mornings and otherwise? How to use this announcement also to recruit additional members to the CAC leadership.
Advertise in:

Grow The Valley
Town Clerk List Serve
Craig to speak with Superintendent of schools/Glenn Guimarra

And speak to individuals who have expressed interest:

Kris Cottom-Cynthia Creech
Bruce Shenker-Cynthia Creech
Jonah Millet-Cynthia Creech
Skylar Gail-Cynthia Creech
Doug Banker-David Farren
Eric Johnson-David Farren
Alex Olchowski-David Farren
Evan Thaler-Null-Craig Westcott

Craig Westcott will take an indefinite leave of absence as Secretary of the CAC, effective immediately. Craig will continue to volunteer on available Wednesday mornings with Darrow School and other volunteers, trainers, and guests. David Farren will assume the secretarial functions of the CAC temporarily.

The next meeting of the New Lebanon CAC will occur on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the Samson Environmental Center at Darrow School, 6:30-8:00 PM.