

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon

Minutes for November 11, 2019; New Lebanon Town Hall

Present: CAC members Cynthia Creech, David Farren, Bob Gilson, Peg Munves, Steve Powers, Paul Rix

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. We approved the meeting minutes for October 7, 2019, to be posted on the town's web site by the Town Clerk.

We discussed the election results for the Town of New Lebanon offices. One result will be that the CAC can move forward in asking the Town Board to adopt recommended Critical Environmental Areas. We reached quick consensus that we should present one at a time, starting with cool ravines.

David Farren shared many take-aways from the Inventories to Action workshop he attended in Castleton-On-Hudson for the full day on November 9, 2019. Once overheads from the workshop are posted, he will share them with CAC members. Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia and Ingrid Haeckel and Nate Nardi-Cyrus of the Hudson River Estuary Program presented to a good-sized, engaged audience. New Lebanon maps were a focus in Gretchen's presentations and our *Natural Resource Conservation Plan* received many plaudits.

We appreciated the article in the town newsletter on the raptor presentation and thanked Peg Munves and Steve Powers for the text and photographs. Despite reminders, Michael Clough has not yet submitted his invoice. For the town to deduct his fee and expenses from the 2019 CAC budget, he would need to meet a December 3rd deadline.

We completed our review of the Action Items from the *2005 Comprehensive Plan*. David will compile a list of the recommended retentions we agreed upon for the CAC to approve and forward to the revision committee.

Peg shared enlarged draft maps from Steve Winkley's Water Source Study and we studied them with interest.

Bob Gilson will attend the Planning Board meeting on November 20, 2019, if one is held. We are not aware of any pending proposals that require a CAC response.

A third meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Revision Committee will be held on November 19, 2019. The committee should complete its review of the action items from the 2005 plan. Meanwhile, the Zoning Rewrite Committee has been asked to respond to the town attorney's review of the pending changes that the ZRC recommends but has not yet presented to the Town Board for adoption.

The next monthly CAC meeting will be Monday, December 9, starting at 6:30 P.M. at the New Lebanon Town Hall. We agreed to invite Steve Winkley to participate so that we can respond to his draft Water Source Study.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by David Farren