

## **Minutes of the Ancram CAC Meeting-October 10, 2023**

**Attending via Zoom:** Wally, Jay, Jane and Jono. We approved the September 2023 minutes.

### **Planning Board**

The Camp Emanuel project application has been withdrawn. Because we were missing our two CAC members who are also members of the Planning Board, Erin and Colleen, we had no other PB updates to discuss.

### **Deer Management**

Jay gave an interesting overview of his field trip to Rheinstrom Hill which has been experimenting with methods of deer management such as exclusionary fencing. He also gave a brief history of the factors that have led to current deer overpopulation. Wally discussed the possibility of setting up exclusionary fencing for a portion of the 125 forested acres at Long Lake. On a visit there a few years ago, Troy Weldy of CLC suggested that Long Lake might want to undertake this project to rejuvenate their woodlands.

### **Grant for Invasive Species Education Outreach-Colleen's suggestion**

Jane will email Colleen to see if it is still possible to apply for this grant.

### **Use Ancram's NRCP and Biodiversity Assessment to create an Open Space Plan for Ancram and Pursue Community Preservation Funds?**

We briefly discussed whether it would be feasible to take on this project. We do have Ancram's Natural Resource Conservation Plan and Biodiversity Assessment which would provide useful tools and a good start for an Open Space plan. We need to have a larger group present to find out if members are interested in taking on this substantial project.

### **Ancram's Pro-Housing Resolution**

Jane has worked with Art and Bonnie to add more environmental language and protection to this proposed resolution. A vote will be taken on Oct 19 at the Town Board meeting.

### **Land Conservation**

Wally hopes to complete and circulate a summary of the textbook *Land Use Law in a Nutshell*, which the CAC purchased. The book covers principles of land use law, research tools, and potential regulations that are likely to improve our land conservation efforts in Ancram.

### **Holiday Potluck**

We have targeted December 15 or 16 for a potluck, hoping that all can be there.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. **Next CAC meeting on Tue, November 14 at 6:30 via Zoom.**