

Minutes of the Ancram CAC Meeting-November 14, 2023

Attending via Zoom: Wally, Jane, Jono, Erin, Colleen, Choral, Amy. We are sorry to note that Jay Lorenz has resigned from the CAC, and we reached out to him. We approved the October 2023 minutes.

Planning Board

We agreed to send a letter to Ed Ferrato re. the DEC Wetlands permit that was granted to the 28 Underhill Road swimming pool project. This project may need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals given that the pool is within Ancram's 150 wetland buffer zone.

There are no new projects before the PB though a few are anticipated. We discussed the Green Hill subdivision which needs an updated map which includes seeps and springs to proceed.

Grant for Invasive Species Education Outreach

Colleen has written and submitted an excellent grant proposal to the DEC for this joint Ancram/CLC educational project. We will find out in early 2024 if we get the grant.

Ancram's Pro-Housing Resolution with environmental language additions was passed by the Town Board.

Fire risk in electric vehicles

We discussed a misleading article on fire risk in electric vehicles and what can be done clear up confusion and help fire fighters to deal with fires in electric vehicles.

Discussion of November 7 election results

We briefly discussed how election results might impact CAC initiatives.

SCOZ revisions before the ZRC Erin reported that the ZRC has been receptive to SCOZ revisions.

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

Amy, Colleen and Jane attended the DEC workshop on Municipal Options for Funding Open Space Protection. This was an excellent workshop with four local case studies which also explained the basics on how to establish a Community Preservation Plan and Community Preservation Fund. We agreed to find out more about which plan and funding approach would be best for Ancram. The Affordable Housing committee is also considering using a real estate transfer tax to fund their projects. This could complicate the planning process, but we hope find a way to do both. This DEC workshop will be available online soon for others to review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. **Next CAC meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 via Zoom. Holiday Potluck on Friday, December 15.**