

## **Minutes of the CAC meeting on January 9, 2024--DRAFT**

Attending via Zoom: Wally Williamson, Jamie Purinton, Colleen Lutz, Amy Gold, Choral Eddie, Jane Meigs, Jonathan Meigs

The December 2023 minutes were approved.

**Jane got an email reply from Ed Ferrato on the DEC wetland pool permit** indicating that this project is still under review and will require a variance **from** the ZB at the least. Jane will contact Ed again around Feb 1 to follow up.

**Christine Vanderlan will attend our Tuesday, April 9, 2024 meeting** in person and will send materials on the CPP and CPF process in March for our review.

**Gretchen Stevens will attend our March 12, 2024 meeting** to begin and lead our efforts for creating an Open Space Plan for Ancram. Jane asked that CAC members review our Natural Resource Conservation Plan which is available on the CAC webpage in preparation for that meeting. A review of the Ancram Comprehensive Plan will also be helpful.

**Jamie raised a question about the solar power** offers that are flooding mailboxes at this time. We look for guidance from Colleen.

**Jane asked everyone to please send her any notes on professional training** in 2023 so that she can share this information with the TB in the year-end report.

**With excellent input from Amy and Colleen,** we briefly discussed the question of who will fill the leadership positions of Deputy Supervisor and ZRC Chair.

**Grant for Invasive Species Education:** Waiting to see if we get this DEC grant.

**SCOZ revisions update:** Choral, Jono, Jamie, Amy, Wally and Colleen gave brief reports on the six ZRC minutes documents that dealt with our proposed SCOZ revisions. We were pleased that the ZRC added term "environmental" and other ecological terms and phrases throughout the SCOZ document, especially to the Intent section. Jono noted the significance of the fact that the ZRC approved Kim

and Hugh's rewrites of the Intent section to include this sentence, "In particular, forests in the scenic corridor are particularly vulnerable to habitat fragmentation and degradation by development of small lot sizes and single-family residences along steep and ridgelines." This sentence sets the stage for our rewrite of the development standards section where we intend to make a strong case that the ZRC protections and regulations should apply to "any development" in the SCOZ. Erin has completed half of rewrite of this section. We hope to complete this section and resubmit it to the ZRC as soon as possible and once a chair of the ZRC is chosen. We will also be sure to highlight the Velazquez project as a key example of why complete SCOZ protections must be extended to small lots and single-family residences.

We were pleased that most of our suggested prohibited uses in the SCOZ were accepted by the ZRC, with notable exceptions of golf courses and slaughter houses.

We will ask Nan Stolzenburg to review and make suggestions for a better working definition of the term viewshed. We will also insert language on steep slope and ridgeline protection in the section 9b.

While we still have work to do in our rewrite, we were pleased that the ZRC did accept many of our revisions. We all noted that we will miss the excellent work of leadership of Hugh Clark, retiring Chair of the ZRC and TB member.

We agreed to have a CAC potluck picnic at the Meigs' house sometime in May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. **Next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Feb 13 via zoom.**