

Minutes of CAC meeting on February 13, 2024--DRAFT

Attending via Zoom: Wally Williamson, Jamie Purinton, Amy Gold, Jane Meigs, Jonathan Meigs

The January 9, 2024 minutes were approved.

We are pleased that the new ZRC Chair is Carol Falcetti.

We received a \$12,600 grant from DEC which will be used for education on invasive species. Congratulations to Colleen for making this happen. We plan to use the funds to install an educational kiosk at the Overmountain Conservation Area and will look for other ways to involve the greater community through the Ancram Newsletter, other local papers and the Roe Jan Library.

SCOZ revisions update--We need to get a final draft to the ZRC by their April 2024 meeting. Jane will contact Erin about rewriting the Development Standards section. We'll ask Nan to provide a better definition of the term viewshed and insert language on steep slope and ridgeline protection in the section 9b.

Ancram Newsletter—Possible CAC contributions include articles on NO Mow May by Jono, resilient plants by Kim,

and an announcement about our DEC grant on invasive species education.

Amphibian Migration and Road Crossing—Jamie will continue to monitor the spring migration site that she covered last year. Jono may monitor a wetland near Carson Road.

Driveway for Carson Road project—The driveway that was planned to cross a small wetland near the road was not built. Instead, the owners built a driveway which shares a driveway/private road off Sawchuk Road and then continues up to the building site. This appears to be an improvement in terms of wetland disturbance, but the change may not have gotten Planning Board approval.

Gretchen Stevens will attend our March 12, 2024 meeting to lead our efforts for creating an Open Space Plan for Ancram. Jane will meet with Gretchen prior to this meeting to discuss our approach to producing the OSP, how best to use Gretchen's expertise, and how much writing of the document she may want to undertake. We agreed that we would like to pay her for her work. Jane will ask Gretchen to send links to model OSPs. We also discussed the importance of involving other town officials

and community members in the OSP process and noted the value of effective education about the OSP and why it will be valuable to Ancram. OSPs focus on how towns can enhance local quality of life factors and can also add economic as well as environmental benefits. **The most important document to review for the March 12 meeting is the Ancram Natural Resource Conservation Plan which has a link on the CAC web page.**

We decided it makes sense to postpone our meeting with Christine Vanderlan until we have completed the OSP.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. **Next CAC meeting is Tuesday, March 12 via zoom.**