

## **Minutes of CAC meeting on April 9, 2024**

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

### **Approval of March 12, 2024 minutes.**

**SCOZ Revision Update**—Erin Robertson and Carol Falcetti of the ZRC are producing the final draft of the SCOZ revisions which will be sent to Nan Stolzenberg for her final comment and input. Jane had some input into this final process. Nan agreed that single and two-family dwellings should also receive careful review in the Development Standards section. We decided to accept the current zoning on small-scale wind farms for the SCOZ. Jane got data on the total number of building permits, comparing 2019—84, 2022--92, and 2023--124. In the SCOZ, the numbers were 2019—8, 2022—5, 2023—4. This shows a significant increase in building pressure on Ancram which justifies more protection in the SCOZ.

### **Open Space Plan for Ancram—Next Steps**

Jane offered to draft a one-page memo to present to the Town Board at the April 18 meeting which outlines the advantages of having an OSP and asks for their approval to create an OSP for Ancram. We also discussed organizing the OSP to follow the six Conservation Areas from the NRCP. CAC members would work on their local Conservation Area to determine its key areas for conservation under the OSP. Jamie will draft a list of guiding questions and criteria for this process. CAC members will work on the Conservation Area in which they live, which is as follows: **Western Hills and Forests, Amy; Roe Jan Kettles and Farms, Jamie; Punch Brook Valley Fens, Colleen, Wally; Fox Hill and Round Ball Mtn, Erin, Jane & Jono; Noster Kill Valley, Jamie and Gretchen; Taconic Mountains-already protected.** We all should get to know our area very well by consulting the NRCP for starters. We will also ask Gretchen for her input overall. Colleen will attend a fundraising workshop from the Hudson River Estuary webinar series on April 18. Jane will ask Gretchen about any anticipated costs in producing an OSP for which we should budget.

We discussed possible membership of a OSP Advisory Committee. From CAC: Jamie, Jane, Jono, Choral? Amy? Wally? From CAC, TB and Recreation Cte: Colleen. From CAC, PB and ZRC: Erin. Other broader members could include Art Bassin, former Town Supervisor. Member from the Agriculture Committee, and other interested and qualified community members.

### **Invasive Species Education Grant**

Colleen is waiting for an Ancram funding mechanism to be approved so that she can get a contract from DEC and begin formal work on this project. Jamie offered a few excellent ideas for the graphics including contacting Roberta Wilson who has done signage design for CLC.

**Please attend the Punch Brook Roe Jan Watershed Characterization Presentation on Monday, April 15 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Next CAC meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 via zoom.