

Minutes of CAC meeting on May 14, 2024

Attending via Zoom: Wally Williamson, Jamie Purinton, Amy Gold, Jane Meigs, Jonathan Meigs, Choral Eddie and Gretchen Stevens

Approval of March 12, 2024 minutes.

SCOZ Revision--We are waiting to hear from the ZRC about the final draft.

Open Space Plan-Next Steps

Gretchen Stevens attended this meeting to help us make important OSP organizational decisions. We discussed and clarified the difference between conservation open space and agricultural exemptions. We decided on five OSP Priority Areas which are:

Water Resource Priorities

Agricultural Priorities

Ecologically Significant Habitat Priorities

Forest and Woodland Priorities

Scenic Resource Priorities

Two teams of the six OSP Conservation Area teams have turned in Preliminary Assessments for their Conservation Areas. First step for this assessment is to review your Conservation Area from the NRCP, review the SIGNIFICANT HABITATS IN THE TOWN OF ANCRAM, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NY pdf on the CAC web page, and any relevant maps. Gretchen offered excellent input on Jamie and Choral's assessment, and she agreed to serve as a specific consultant to help each Conservation Area team come up with important areas to conserve for the OSP.

We are looking for qualified Ancram residents to ask to be part of the OPS Advisory Committee. Jane has contacted Sue Arterian and Carol Falcetti to see if they might like to join this group.

Invasive Species Education Grant

Colleen got approval for the Ancram funding mechanism so that she can get a contract from DEC and begin formal work on this project. This also

means that any CAC application will also move ahead smoothly. Colleen and Jane will work on selecting an appropriate grant from DEC which will fund our OSP project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Don't forget our CAC potluck on Saturday, June 1 at 6:00pm at the Meigs' home at 105 Carson Road, Ancram

Next CAC meeting on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 in person at the Town Hall.