

Minutes of CAC Meeting on August 13, 2024 Meeting-Draft

Attending: Amy Gold, Colleen Lutz, Jane Meigs, Jono Meigs, Choral Eddie, Wally Williamson, Erin Robertson, and Gretchen Stevens

The June 2024 CAC minutes were approved.

SCOZ Revision—Erin updated us on ZRC progress on the SCOZ. The ZRC worked very hard on the revisions, rewriting some of the original wording to work out differences to reach consensus within the ZRC. Erin believes that many of our original goals and suggestions were maintained. The final draft will now be reviewed by John Lyons, the town attorney. We discussed Colleen's suggestion that there be public input through a workshop at this point. We decided to ask Carol Falcetti and Hugh Grant for their views on this idea.

Open Space Plan-Next Steps

- Two of the six conservation area teams need to complete their Preliminary Assessments of their Conservation Areas:

Punch Brook Valley Fens- Colleen Lutz and Walter Williamson

Noster Kill Valley- Jamie Purinton and Carol Falcetti(?)

Taconics/TSP Already conserved and under state management

Wally and Colleen are working on their area. We need to find out if Jamie and Carol are still willing to take on the Noster Kill Valley area.

CAC members should start a more detailed study of their conservation area, noting likely areas for recognition in the OSP. Colleen will send several maps to help in this process including:

Current Conservation easement areas

CLC & DLC-owned conservation areas

State Protected Areas

Biodiversity Map with tax parcel overlays

Steep Slopes

Punchbrook Watershed maps

Erin noted that some of these useful maps are already posted on the town website.

- **Open Space Advisory Committee**— Current OSP Advisory Committee Members include: Jamie Purinton, Jane Meigs, Colleen Lutz, Erin Robertson, Amy Gold, Susan Arterian, Stuart Farr, and Gretchen Stevens. Jono is willing to join this group if we need to add another male member for balance.
- **OSP funding-Application for the Hudson River Estuary/DEC grant**—Colleen completed and submitted the grant application. We discussed the three documents that she submitted for the grant, noting that we have flexibility for the grant timeline. We hope to receive a \$10,500 grant which will be 50% matched by the town. The \$5000 dollars will be achieved mostly through a compilation of volunteer hours at about \$30.00/hr. Colleen will send a Volunteer Hours form that we should use to show the volunteer hours spent on this project, starting now. Jane will make an estimate of the volunteer hours since we began work on this project. We will find out in late September or October 2024 if we receive the grant. Colleen will also be applying for a Hudson Valley Greenway grant application which is due in September.

Invasive Species Education-Colleen is hoping to get brush stations and preliminary signage in place at CLC Conservation Areas before hunting season begins.

New CAC Member—Katie Lutz may join the CAC.

Wally shared his work on preserving the forest at Long Lake. The Long Lake group has received a \$20,000 grant and will be applying for two additional grants. The goals of their forest management plan are to promote healthy regeneration of a diversity of tree species and to preserve and enhance the varied forest ecological services. Congratulations, Wally!

Next CAC meeting is on Tuesday, Sep 10, 2024. Jono and Jane will be away, but Jane will write an agenda and find a CAC member to chair this meeting.