

Minutes of CAC Meeting on June 11, 2024 Meeting

Attending: Amy Gold, Colleen Lutz, Jane Meigs, Jono Meigs

The May CAC minutes were approved.

SCOZ Revision—ZRC to complete their review of our SCOZ revisions in July.

Open Space Plan-Next Steps

- Two of the six conservation area teams have completed their Preliminary Assessments of their Conservation Areas. The Fox Hill-Round Ball Mtn team has completed a first draft. The remaining three groups need to complete their Preliminary Assessments.
- **Open Space Advisory Committee**—Susan Arterian, an Ancram resident who is an active member of the Resilient Garden and Farm Group, has agreed to join the Open Space Advisory Committee to represent farming interests in Ancram. Stuart Farr of Hudson Valley Hops and Grains has also joined the OSP Adv Cte. Julie McGanney and Francesco Grizanzio (recommended by Susan) of Little Forest Farm are considering joining. Current OSP Advisory Committee Members include: Jamie Purinton, Jane Meigs, Colleen Lutz, Erin Robertson, Amy Gold, Susan Arterian, Stuart Farr, and Gretchen Stevens. We'd like to add another male member to balance the group.
- **OSP funding-Application for DEC grant**—Colleen is making progress on the DEC grant application which is due in July. She has been able to use text from the OSP Preliminary Assessment Reports. She will also be applying for a Hudson Valley Greenway grant application which is due in September.

Susan Arterian sent along the excellent news that Stonehouse Grains in Hudson, which grows all organic commodity grains, corn and soybeans and sells it to local organic livestock farmers, has just leased some land in Ancram. It's exciting to have a growing organic grain farming community in Ancram.

Invasive Species Education Project is currently in a holding pattern as Colleen waits to get the final contract from DEC.

New CAC Member—We are very pleased that Colleen will invite her daughter Katie to join the CAC. Katie has finished two years at Columbia-Green Community College and will be continuing her studies in environmental science at SUNY Albany in September.

The CAC will take a brief summer break with no meeting scheduled for July and will resume meetings on Tuesday, August 13.