

# Town of Coeymans Minutes - Conservation Advisory Council - Draft

September 13, 2016

**Present:**

Sylvia Lawler (Chair) (SL)  
Michael McGuire (MM)  
Joseph Tracey (JT)

**Absent:**

Ro Woodard (RW)

**Also Present:**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Mrs. Lawler.

Approve minutes of September meeting with correction to spelling of Heizen:

Motion SL, Second JT

SL     Aye  
MM     Aye  
JT     Aye  
RO     Absent

SL regretted in reporting that due personal issues Mr. John Bonafide has had to step down from his role on the CAC. All members expressed their regret in Mr. Bonafide's resignation.

SL reported that she made an informational presentation on the CAC at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting. MM added that PB members were responsive to CAC and plan to attend the NRI development meeting.

SL noted that the NRI development meeting, scheduled for October, is fast approach. SL suggested that the CAC postpone the NRI development meeting so that all members of the CAC could be properly prepared and to allow for time to increase awareness of the CAC and meeting among town officials and residents. Discussion ensued and all members of CAC concurred that postponing meeting to November was the best course of action.

SL also noted that she would like to hold a CAC workshop during the week of 9-19 – 9-23 to discuss in detail the November NRI development meeting. All members concurred that a meeting should be held at the earliest convenience to allow all members to attend. Additionally, SL will be preparing a brief description of the CAC and NRI development meeting for posting to public locations.

SL also noted that she would like to develop a bi-monthly environmental program for 2017. SL hopes to engage the RCS Community Library with the planning and implementation of this program. JT added that this would be an excellent opportunity to encourage public involvement and awareness of the CAC and the unique environmental assets of Coeymans.

MM noted that he had discussed the printing of large maps with Ms. Laura Degaetano of the Albany County Office of Natural Resource Conservation. Ms. Degaetano stated that Albany Co. would be happy to help with supplying the CAC some initial maps to aide in the creation of the NRI.

JT noted that he had encountered two NYS DEC officers while visiting a park in New Baltimore. The DEC officers were seeking out a location to establish an environmental learning center. JT provided his contact information to the officers.

There was a discussion on the expansion of the CAC in the future (up to 9 members) with the inclusion of a farming representative and an industrial representative, possibly from LaFarge.

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting October 11 – 6 PM Town Hall

Motion to Adjourn JT, Second MM

Approved 3 - 0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20