

# Town of Coeymans

## Minutes - Conservation Advisory Council - Draft

October 11, 2016

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Ro Woodard (RW)

**Also Present:**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Mrs. Lawler.

Approved minutes of September meeting:

Motion SL, Second JT

SL	Aye
MM	Aye
JT	Aye
RO	Absent

SL suggested that the CAC postpone the initial Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Planning Session to January as the currently scheduled date falls on Election Day and it was felt that a December meeting would fall too close to the holidays. All members were in agreement. At this time the tentative date for the NRI meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

In preparation of the NRI meeting SL recommended that all members read the Coeymans Habitat Summary provided by the NYS Hudson River Estuary Program. Members will provide a list of additional material and subject not covered by the Habitat Summary to be included in the NRI discussion.

SL followed up on the bi-monthly environmental program initiative purposed in September. SL has reached out the public library and is actively pursuing dates for a November and December program. The plan is for the initial programs to focus on local fauna.

MM noted that he had attended a meeting covering the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program. CEC is a NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) initiative aimed at helping local governments reduce energy consumption and promoting clean energy in their community. All CAC members agreed that the CEC was something to pursue. MM will contact Town officials about the program.

MM presented two sample environmental resource maps created by the Laura Degatano (LD) of the Albany County Office of Natural Resource Conservation. JT suggested including known environmentally sensitive areas. SL suggested adding an agriculture and industrial overlay to the maps. MM will pass suggestions on to LD.

JT suggested moving date of next meeting to November 1<sup>st</sup> as the 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. All members were in favor.

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting November 1 – 6 PM Town Hall

Motion to Adjourn MM, Second JT

Approved 3 - 0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10