

Town of Coeymans

Minutes - Conservation Advisory Council - Draft

November 1, 2016

Present:

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

Absent:

Daniel Bosworth (DB)

Also Present:

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by SL.

SL reported that Daniel Bosworth had been appointed to the CAC on 10-27-16. DB was unable to attend the meeting, he is traveling for work. SL noted that efforts are currently underway to find additional members for the CAC.

JT noted that he had been reviewing Coeymans and the Past, Edward D. Giddings. JT stated that it would be an invaluable resource for work toward the NRI.

SL opened up discussion for the development of long and short term goals for the CAC. All members provided input leading to the following goals, in no particular order of importance:

Long Term:

1. Develop Natural Resource Inventory
2. Pursue Town Board movement toward Clean Energy Communities (CEC) & Climate Smart Communities (CSC) initiatives
3. Establish community outreach program
4. Revision of Town Comprehensive Plan
5. Resuscitate local Waterfront Revitalization Plan
6. Provide assistance to the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals

Short Term:

1. Secure grant funding through The Hudson River Valley Greenway to fund the development of the NRI
2. Hold community NRI meeting in February
3. If possible, use community NRI meeting as a stepping stone to develop a community conservation round table
4. Assist with TB movement toward CEC & CSC
5. Partner with Town Library to develop bi-monthly CAC sponsor program at the library
6. Partner with Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District (RCS) to engage students in conservation efforts

7. Develop CAC social media presence to help get the word out for CAC events and activities

SL initiated further discussion into prospective programs to hold at the library. All members contributed to the following list:

- Backyard bird counting
- Winter Birds with Rich
- Geology program
- Fishing Forum – DEC Free Fishing Day
- Solarize Coeymans
- Music – Open Mic

Public Comments:

Hope, a local RCS student, said that she had enjoyed the meeting and would be interested in participating in future activities.

Next Meeting December 13 – 6 PM Town Hall

Motion to Adjourn MM, Second JT
Approved 4 - 0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15