

## Town of Coeymans

### Minutes - Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting

02/07/2017

Town of Coeymans Building – Court Room/Main Meeting Room

**Present:**

Sylvia Lawler (Chair) (SL)  
Daniel Bosworth (DB)  
Michael McGuire (MM)  
Bryan Rowzee (Recording Secretary) (BR)  
Joe Tracey (JT)

**Absent:**

Ro Woodard (RW)

**Also Present:**

Barbara Heinzen (BH)  
John Parker, community resident

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by SL.

**Topics:**

- **Clean Energy Update**
- **Louise E. Keir wildlife management area presentation review**
- **Planning Board meeting recap**
- **Interest Survey for a CAC sponsored public program at RCS Community Library**

**Clean Energy Updates**

MM Forwarded Solar resolutions to Coeymans Supervisor Philip Crandall and sent benchmarking materials to building department.

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Members of CAC presented information at 1/26 Town Board meeting with positive reception.

**Louise E. Keir Wildlife Management Area presentation review**

MM reported the 187 acre DEC maintained Louise Keir Wildlife Management Area with access on County Route 103 (Blodgett Hill Road) will be conducting a controlled burn in April and May to provide room for new forest growth. This burn meets goals set by Young Forest Project principles. “The primary purposes of the Louise Keir (WMA) are for wildlife management, wildlife habitat management, and wildlife-dependent recreation.” They promote hunting, trapping and fishing, summarized MM.

**Planning Board meeting recap**

MM presented CAC goals concerning creating a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) and CAC sponsored public programs to be hosted at the RCS Community Library at their most recent meeting. He noted some concern that an NRI might “might be construed as throttling (business) development.” CAC members discussed the desire to educate PB members and general public on the benefits of the information provided by the NRI including the idea that the NRI does not add hoops/requirements for business developers or property owners wishing to expand, modify or subdivide their lots. CAC members reiterated the intent of the NRI is to provide a bigger picture of the Coeymans area and that this information should streamline PLanning Board review processes.

**Interest Survey for a CAC sponsored public program at RCS Community Library**

SL presented a list of COnsumer Horticulture Presentation topics to the CAC explaining she will provide the list in the form of a paper survey. The intent is that community members would select topics of interest and the CAC would pursue the topics of most interest and present these at the public library.

**\*Other Business**

BH reported the Port of Coeymans wants to extend permission to use the docks through December 31 2019. BH expressed the concern that this dock is being used for purposes beyond just the Tappenzee bridge project noted in their application

**Action Items**

Action Item - Solarize campaign information	Responsible party	Due date
Contact Robyn Reynolds (Senior Planner - Capital District Regional Planning Commission, CDRPC) regarding solarize	Mike McGuire	(next meeting)

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Action Item - NRI Technical assistance grant application	Responsible party	Due date
Complete and submit Natural Resources Inventory Application for Technical Assistance	Sylvia Lawler with input from all CAC members	3-01-2017

Action Item - NRI Maps	Responsible party	Due date
Report status of finding map components that will help us generate a Natural Resource Inventory.	All CAC members with specific assignments noted below grouped by resource types	(next meeting)
Geology and Soils; Land Use	Mike McGuire	(next meeting)
Water Resources	Sylvia Lawler and Dan Bosworth	Completed 1-10-2017
Habitats and Wildlife	Joseph Tracey and Barbara Heinzen	(next meeting)
Cultural Resources	Ro Woodard	(next meeting)
Climate conditions and projections	Bryan Rowzee	(next meeting)

Next Meeting 6 p.m. on March, 2017 at RCS Community Library - Small Conference room

Motion to Adjourn: MM, Second: DB

Approved 5 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

- Minutes compiled by Bryan Rowzee (Recording Secretary)

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