

CAC Meeting 21 March 2017

Present:

Mike McGuire, Dan Bosworth, Sylvia Lawler, Joe Tracey, Ro Woodard

Absent:

Bryan Rowzee, on holiday

Agenda

NRI updates
NEIWPCC - stream grant
Charging station grant
Program updates

NRI

Paper maps from Sylvia, from 1990s Albany dump opposition, e.g.

- Geological hazards & thickness of overburden
- Landslide susceptibility

Ingrid will let us know if we won the grant for a mapping intern by the end of March

Intern will come from Cornell and be available for a meeting in April, internship starts in June, for ten weeks, based in Ithaca, Cornell, but can meet with us several times.

Once we have an intern, need to schedule the community meeting to determine the scope of the NRI
We need to be able to hand over all our sources of information to the intern by April/June

Charging Station grant

It would help if we had letters of support from the community.

Dan will draft a letter of support to send to Mike for circulation at the Breakfast business meeting for signatures.

Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, morning 0730

Community Grants Gateway – we need to set a time to compile the information

Mike, Dan and Bryan will meet one week night before 31 March to submit the application. Mike to send an email to Cindy to get Gateway log-in and email to Bryan and Dan to set the evening to meet. (Ro to back up on submitting application.)

Unified Solar Permit – has been updated by John Cashin and will be passed at Thursday 23 March Board meeting.

Do we need a resolution from the Town to apply for the Charging Station? Probably. They need to be willing to put up 5% of the cost (in cash or kind)

Ro: If an electrician is needed, we can get some support from State Parks, as they have people being trained in electrical charging stations.

Dan – will write a note describing the project for the Town Board. (BH to back up)

Stream Grant

8 March 2017: Sylvia, BH, Phil Crandall & George LaMountain, Eileen O’Neil from Tighe & Bond met at Eileen’s request.

Eileen O’Neil presented 2 grants from Hudson River Estuary Program that she would apply for, and her firm would administer.

Restoration of Watershed Connectivity: objective to remove barriers to migrating fish

- Grant 1: Produce inventory & assessment of barriers.
- Grant 2: Money to restore connectivity.

Agreed: to proceed with asking Eileen O’Neil to apply for the inventory grant.

Action: Sylvia spoke with Phil Crandall who has already decided to go ahead with a resolution on Thursday 23 March Board Meeting authorizing Eileen O’Neil to apply for the grant on behalf of Coeymans.

Program updates

Attracting Butterflies to your garden 26 April 2017

Joralomon walk – 29 April 2017

Landis Arboretum walk

Albany Public Library & RCS Library to do a joint presentation on the Alcove, preferably at the Alcove, Sylvia developing that with Judith Wine

Trout Unlimited – will come to work with the kids on fishing

Ro to find out about a fishing program with children and DEC; DEC free fishing day at Lawson Lake. Brian McCoy runs the Lawson Lake Park. Try to link that to the Riverview Church Summer Camp Schedule. Can be advertised also on Library social media page.

Susan Lewis put in a rain garden in Coeymans Landing – no one knows where it is.

AOB

Joe: What is the future of the Alcove? Dates back to 1930s.

Sylvia: City of Albany owns the Alcove water, could make life difficult for village. But there is no reason to do so.

Joe: any chance of a developing hydro power in the Coeymans or Hannacroix Creeks?

Next meeting

6pm 11 April Tuesday, at Town Hall

Agenda for next meeting

- Review status of grant applications
- NRI – worksheets, fill in the sources of information, must be completed
- Community meeting – what, where & how

Notes taken by B Heinzen