

Town of Coeymans

Minutes - Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting

04/11/2017

Coeymans Town Hall–Main Community Meeting Room

Present:

Sylvia Lawler (Chair) (SL)
Daniel Bosworth (DB)
Michael McGuire (Vice-Chair) (MM)
Bryan Rowzee (Acting Recording Secretary) (BR)
Joe Tracey (JT)
Ro Woodard (RW)

Absent:

none

Also Present:

Barbara Heinzen (BH)

Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m. by SL.

Topics:

- Combined meeting with Coeymans Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals set for Tuesday April 18
- Old Business-objective already met
- Cornell AAP (Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda Program) intern

Combined Meeting Planning Discussion

SL - We will meet at the Town Hall at 7pm on April 18. We will present information on the NRI to the three municipal boards.

We will give them an overview of the NRI. We will present a primer with questions targeted to how they may implement the NRI information. We would like to demonstrate layers on a map related to a current

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parcel under review.

BH - We hope to engage them with what are the features of the Town that you value the most. Then have an open discussion and request feedback from Board Members by May 4.

For the survey worksheet, we would like to consider

- What was your favorite place as a child and why?
- what are the features of the Town that you value the most?
- Reflect on the most difficult Board decisions you have had in the past ten years and what information would have made the situation smoother?
- What information do you wish applicants have had so that the board could have made a more positive decision.

Old Business-objective already met

- We have a solar permit adopted
- Town agreed to benchmarking
- We submitted EV grant application

Prepare for Cornell AAP (Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda Program) intern

The NRI narrative process

- We will divide information gathering tasks
- Pass the compiled information through an editing process to provide a unified/uniform voice.
- We can strongly consider using information and the outline of the Rosendale NRI to produce our NRI.
- What is the goal of the NRI? See page 6 of creating DEC *Creating a Natural Resources Inventory*
- Also consider scenic Hudson sea level rising map to present at the April 18 meeting per BH
- Compare Ingrid's collection of maps in addition to the Rosendale material.

For the intern, what do we want in terms of map output?

- Our first priority is online interactive maps with layers
- We may wish to consider large format maps or maps of the town with the largest grouping by quadrangle and perhaps printing on 11 x 17 office copier paper
- We would like the maps scalable, exportable and printable. Is this possible?
- It would appear that more information would be useful such as topography, tax parcels, geology...

Action Items

Action Item - Town Energy Bill summary	Responsible party	Due date
Gather one year's worth of energy bills and review the buildings materials	CAC members	tba

Action Item - Gather maps from CT Male	Responsible party	Due date
Contact CT Male and acquire access, preferable digitally, to all maps the engineering firm has produced for the Town of Coeymans. These will supplement the NRI creation process	Mike McGuire	4-18-2017

Action Item - NRI Maps	Responsible party	Due date
Report status of finding map components that will help us generate our NRI.	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 April 18, 2017 at Coeymans Town Hall–Main Community Meeting Room

Future meeting date(s): May 9

Motion to Adjourn: MM, Second: DB

Approved 6– 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

- Minutes compiled by Bryan Rowzee (Recording Secretary)

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