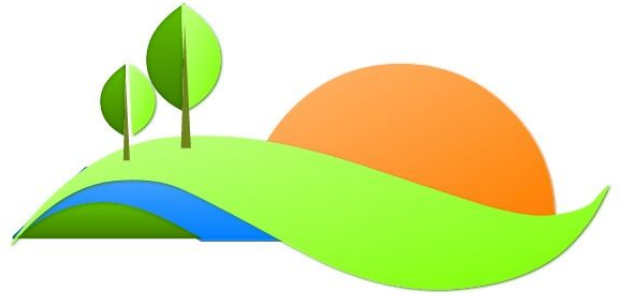


**Town of Coeymans
Minutes -
Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting
04-11-2018
Coeymans Town Hall–Main Community
Meeting Room**



Present:

Sylvia Lawler (Chair) (SL)
Daniel Bosworth (DB)
Bryan Rowzee (Recording Secretary) (BR)
Joe Tracey (JT)
Ro Woodard (RW)

Absent: none

Michael McGuire (Vice-Chair) (MM)

Also Present:

Barbara Heinzen (BH)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by SL.

Topics

- NRI Report update
- Annual Report preparation

1. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Report update

- a. SL noted the CAC will continue to work toward posting mission statement and creating brief descriptions of the maps created for the NRI. We also now have access to materials from the Hilldale CAC to use as reference. (see Town of Hilldale, NY Conservation Advisory Council, accessed 4-11-2018, <https://hillsdaleny.com/committees/conservation-advisory-council/>)

2. Annual Report preparation

- a. SL will compile and submit a summary of CAC 2017 activities and achievements such as the public outreach events and grants.
 - i. MM will report progress of clean energy grant including the electric car charging station.

3. Other Business

- a. SL will reach out to Coeymans Highway Superintendent Scott Searles to select a culvert that meets the criteria for the culvert assessment grant the CAC acquired last year.

- b. SL mentioned Laura DeGaetano is crafting an updated Albany County Farmland Protection plan which was last updated in 2004.
 - i. SL reported this review was not in draft, but that no one from the Town of Coeymans was involved in the writing. Ro thinks that some of the Coeymans' farmers, e.g. the Stantons, were probably consulted informally.
 - ii. We may wish to comment on the draft as a committee
- c. RW is contacting DEC presenters for a public **Nuisance wildlife training** event and will attempt to schedule a session on May as the proposed April 24 date did not work.
 - i. In March, Coeymans police officers came under public scrutiny via social media when handling a rabid raccoon at the Faith Plaza shopping area.
- d. Clean-up day on 22 April: Joe Tracey and Sylvia Lawler to help out in Coeymans Hollow.
- e. Electric charging station, Coeymans Landing: Mike McGuire was to follow up on this, but he was not there, so no news. We had hoped to 'open' it on Earth Day, 22 (or 24?) April. Dan had planned to walk down to the landing to see if a trench had been dug, but hasn't done so yet given the cold weather.
- f. Air screening: This will begin after the roadworks are completed this summer.
- g. National Historic Register: The Hamlet of Coeymans is now on the NY State and National Register of Historic Places.
- h. Coeymans Marina: According to Sylvia, the DEC, Dept of State, Army Corps of Engineers and SHPO Archaeology unit together visited the Coeymans Marina to look at the site which Carver Laraway wants to expand, in the name of bank stabilisation. They have asked Mr Laraway to revise his plan saying they cannot approve it in its present form. People are also saying that Laraway wants to build a 4-story boat storage warehouse on the site.

Action Items

Action Item - Prepare for NRI Narrative	Responsible party	Due date
- Review Rosendal NRI	All CAC members	ongoing
- Post project description, goal statement to town website?	Bryan Rowzee	tba
- draft descriptions of 1-2 maps for each team	All CAC members	ongoing

Action Item - Town Energy Bill summary	Responsible party	Due date
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Gather one year's worth of energy bills and review the buildings materials	CAC members	tba
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Action Item - NRI Report Draft	Responsible party	Due date
Outline and draft map description etc for the NRI report	CAC members	ongoing
Draft technical assistance grant for rough draft	Sylvia Lawler	tba
Ask Ingrid to review our available NRI map descriptions	DB	4-14-2018

Next Meeting 6 p.m. on May 09, 2018 at Coeymans Town Hall–Main Community Meeting Room

Motion to Adjourn: RW, Second: DB

Approved 5– 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

- Minutes compiled by Bryan Rowzee (Recording Secretary)