

**Town of Coeymans
Minutes -
Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting
12-05-2018
Coeymans Town Hall - Main Community Meeting Room**



Present:

Sylvia Lawler (Chair) (SL)
Michael McGuire (Vice-Chair) (MM)
Bryan Rowzee (Recording Secretary) (BR)
Joe Tracey (JT)

Absent:

Daniel Bosworth (DB)

Also Present:

Karin Verschoor
Ingrid Haeckel
(Conservation and Land Use Specialist, Hudson River Estuary Program/Cornell University
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation)

Meeting called to order at 6:11 p.m. by SL.

Approval of Minutes

We approved the 11-14-2018 minutes.

Topics

- Local projects
- NRI Updates

1. Local projects

- a. BH reported the Coeymans incineration local law has not been passed yet.
 - i. Lafarge has a permit to burn tires and there is a question on whether the incineration law would conflict with the permit and make the Town subject to potential litigation.
- b. The Army Corps of Engineers is putting out expanding Tappenzee Bridge piers/trestles as permanent. Comment deadline is January 4.
- c. MM - Port of Coeymans would like to extend a building near Yanni's Too restaurant. The Restaurant will move to the new location and expects to then be open year round. The Planning Board is reviewing the site plan.

- d. MM - Planning Board is reviewing plans to establish a 9 acre solar farm near the Coeymans Hollow Firehouse. NYSERDA recently created a new model law per IH.
 - e. SL noted recommendations of using brown fields as potential sites for solar farms rather than using viable farmland.
 - f. SL recommended residents consider section 93 of town code-Flood prevention plan.
 - g. SL will meet with the library director December 17 to partner in spearheading a junior naturalist club.
 - h. SL - Randy Walker is working on community air screening samples.
2. NRI Updates
- a. On January 29 5-7:30 pm at Colonie Library will be a Capital District Regional Planning Commission CAC Round Table focusing on NRIs, green structure code
 - b. Ingrid Haeckel has edited some of the the submitted NRI materials.
 - i. She will update the bedrock geology map, number 7 and others as needed.
 - ii. She is supporting our efforts to create a draft NRI the holidays so that the CAC can work on finalizing the materials beginning in January. We would also like a considerations black included with each map that leads readers to see the applicability of the information.
 - c. Haeckel advised creating a checklist for the planning Board to assist in reviewing sites.
 - i. This would provide accurate useful resources in chunks that are easy to absorb.
 - d. SL - recommended CAC member Please read through the NRI draft and add input.
 - e. Next step will be create an event to share the draft with the public in a friendly way like an open house.
3. Other business
- a. SL, MM and DB attended a recent 2 hour New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)training to delineate basic environmental impact analysis etc...
 - i. This provided sound background to assist in advising the planning board and the Town board.
 - b. Karin expressed interest in joining the CAC

Action Items

Action Item - Prepare for NRI Narrative	Responsible party	Due date
- draft map descriptions # 1 - 3	DB	done
- draft map descriptions # 4 - 6	BR	
- draft map descriptions # 7 - 9	BR	done
- draft map descriptions # 11 - 12	DB	done
- draft map descriptions # 13	SL	
- draft map descriptions # 14 - 16	DB	
- draft map descriptions # 17 - 23	SL, JT	
- draft map descriptions # 24	DB	done
- draft map descriptions # 25 - 28	MM	
- draft map descriptions # 29 - 30	John Bonafide	done

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

Next Meeting: 6:00 pm on Wednesday January 9 at Coeymans Town Hall–Main Community Meeting Room (or other location as needed)

Motion to Adjourn: MM , Second: JT

Approved 4 – 0 (one absent)

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

- Minutes compiled by Bryan Rowzee (Recording Secretary)