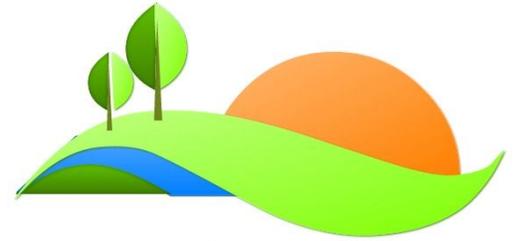


Town of Coeymans Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Minutes
09 April 2019
Coeymans Town Hall

Present:

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



TOWN OF COEYMANS CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Connecting Community Through Conservation

Absent:

Michael McGuire (Vice-Chair) (MM)

Also Present:

Audience (3)

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by SL.

Approval of Minutes

Review previous minutes (March 12 meeting) and assignments

2-5 minutes

Topic leader - Sylvia Lawler

Action - Approve minutes

DB moved to approve the minutes, JT seconded

4-1-0, (1 absent) approved action.

Topics

- Public Comments
- NRI updates
- Coeymans Landing Town Park Kiosk

Proceedings

Public Comments

Action - Welcome comments from the general public

NRI updates

2-5 minutes

Topic leader - Sylvia Lawler

Action - make assignments for next step of draft process

- Editing process is making sound progress. We added a glossary. We are looking for assistance with the layout which may include breakout boxes in order to highlight key facts.
- SL announced the public library will conduct a photo contest of local outdoor areas of interest with winning photos to be used to illustrate the NRI.
- We also hope to add more information to the CAC page on the Town of Coeymans website to provide richer background for the NRI and other CAC cooperative community activities.
- SL will confer to check on setting a presentation for the 2nd Town Board meeting in May.
 - A primary goal is to have the Board adopt the NRI as reference materials for municipal planning that may become an element of the appendix to the Comprehensive plan when it is updated.
 - By way of comparison, a dictionary may my be used to select appropriate terms of endearment for composing a Mother's Day card or letter. An NRI consolidates existing publicly accessible data that can be used to understand local geography.
 - This information informs rather than constrains private and public property decisions, much as a dictionary provides options for words to use in a Mother's Day card.

Coeymans Landing Town Park Kiosk

5 minutes

Topic leader - Dan Bosworth

Action - consider CAC outreach activities

- We would like to use colorful DEC posters with NRI based annotations to display at the kiosk. We may also include NRI maps. NorthCo also provides customization and laminates that protect against the sun.
- There are two kiosks at the park.
 - One is updated and maintained by DEC.
 - The other is maintained by the town and in need of updated material.
 - DB has met with Councilman Dolan to discuss updating.
 - DB acquired the following posters through the Hudson River Estuary to aid in updating.
 - Fish of the Hudson River 24x38
 - Birds of the Hudson River 24x38

- Biodiversity 24x36
- Map of Hudson River Watershed 24x36
- There will be additional space that will allow us to add maps and material from the NRI to further show significant features of the coastal area relating to the posters and the park.
 - Suggestions are:
 - Map 21. Coastal Habitats
 - Map 22. Hudson River Shoreline
 - Map 23. Significant Ecological Features
 - Map 30. Conservation & Recreational Assets
- Please feel free to make suggestions regarding the content of the kiosk in regards to NRI material.

Earth Day, Monday, April 22, 2019

5 minutes

Topic leader - Dan Bosworth

Action - vote on CAC outreach activities based on Earth Day theme, Earth Day is officially Monday April 22

- We will meet Saturday April 13 to plant daffodils and a little bit of cleanup from 9 am to 11 am
- Sylvia will contact the Town Beautification Department to check on where to plant.

Community Outreach

2-5 minutes

Topic leader - Sylvia Lawler

- Update on library partnerships--a naturalist club at the High School.
 - We will also partner with high school biology teacher Matt Miller to oversee the new club.
- Dockside fishing with Trout Unlimited at the Coeymans waterfront
 - Sylvia will contact Roy Lamberton on May 1st to organize fishing
- DEC fishing day at Lawson Lake.
 - Sylvia will contact DEC to arrange an event.
 - Sylvia will also arrange fundraising transporting children
- Sylvia will contact the library for a summer flower planting project.
- We would like to meet with new News Herald reporter at the release of the NRI

Recent Planning Board Activity Updates

MM was unable to attend and so the CAC tabled this topic for another time.

5-8 minutes

Topic leader - Mike McGuire

Action - consider CAC activities based on planning board information

JT made a motion to adjourn the meeting, BR seconded the motion

4-1-0, (1 absent) approved action.