

Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon

Minutes for monthly meeting, September 10, 2018

New Lebanon Town Hall

Present: CAC members Cynthia Creech, David Farren, Jack Lancto, Peg Munves, Craig Westcott; Guests Bruce Shenker, Phyllis Stoller, and Steven Winkley of the New York Rural Water Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. We approved the monthly meeting minutes for August 13, 2018, and the minutes submitted by Craig Westcott for June 11, 2018, both to be posted on the town's web site by the Town Clerk.

Steven Winkley presented a progress report on his Water Protection Plan. He had received 41 completed questionnaires online, representing a good cross-section of town. He plans to complete the plan by April 2019.

After a brief question and answer session, we invited Steve to sit in on our meeting. We discussed developments in town. David Farren attended the Planning Board meeting on August 15. Four PB members were present – Wes Powell and Michael Blatt were absent – and the board approved the Consolidated Document proposal for expansion. Although Michael Darcy's home occupation application was on the agenda, he did not appear. Cissy Hernandez had spoken to Theresa Swenson of NYSDEC and was told that DEC no longer has jurisdiction in Darcy's proposal since the plan no longer affects the adjoining wetland. However, Cissy would like to receive that declaration in writing and would also like to see a detailed parking scheme. Cynthia Creech will attend the PB's monthly meeting on September 19 as an abutter of the proposed home occupation and will raise objections if called upon. Cynthia has submitted a proposed CAC budget for 2019, at the same level as 2018, and will attend the 2019 budget hearings. She also volunteered to review action items on agriculture from the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan* (NRCP) at tomorrow evening's Town Board meeting.

We discussed the celebration of the NRCP scheduled for September 22 from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. The anticipated attendance is 25. Cynthia volunteered to donate her own flank steaks and ground beef and has secured a donation of vegetables from the Abode CSA. David will shop at Costco for cheese, crackers, salad makings, a sheet cake and beer and wine. Cynthia will also locate leftover paper goods and utensils from the New Lebanon 200 gala. Peg Munves can provide 14 folding chairs, if needed. So far only five attendees have registered for the nature walk with the Vispos to begin at 4:00 P.M.

David and Peg will attend the monthly meeting of the Zoning Rewrite Committee on September 25. The language for ponds has been agreed to and will be paired with other items before being submitted to the Town Board for approval. A public hearing would need to precede ratification.

The next monthly meeting for the CAC will be Monday, October 8, 2018, starting at 6:30 P.M. at the New Lebanon Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by David Farren