

Attending: Eric Marczak, Rick Georgeson, Nelson Kent, Amy Lauterbach and Dave Nelson

Eric opened the meeting at about 7:30 PM.

#### Housekeeping

- Rick was sworn in as a new CAC member by Traci.
- Nelson made a motion to approve the December 17 meeting minutes. Rick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Amy will ask Russ to provide the harassment training link for all CAC members.
- The group agreed to change the meeting date to the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM beginning in March.

#### Education and Outreach

- Rick submitted the letter to the editor of the Enterprise to promote the work of the CAC.

#### Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

- Eric and Amy are working with Gary Kleppel and members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee on a Farmland Protection Plan. Maps that are developed in that process will be added to our inventory.
  - Eric plans to send a USDA map to CAC members.
- We need to identify how different maps can be put to work for the Town.
  - We can approach the town board and describe uses for the maps and other resources the CAC is working on.
  - What support can we ask from the town board?
  - Ask the Altamont Enterprise to attend.
- Amy will list elements of a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for Knox that already exist. Some may need updates.
  - The 1994 comprehensive plan is posted to the Town's website, but it is not easily searchable.
  - Amy will ask Russ to set up a laptop and screen for our next meeting so we can review this together.
  - Selected definitions from the 2024 solar law that relate to the work of the CAC were distributed.

#### Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)

#### Wetlands Boardwalk

#### Other Discussion

- Registration filled up for the grand opening festivities for the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's expanded Bozenkill Preserve on Saturday, December 21 so Dave wasn't able to attend.
- Amy will draft an email to ask New Scotland to keep us informed of their work on fertilizer made from municipal sludge.
- Amy will send members the recent Times Union article about Albany County's 90 day moratorium for using biosolids as fertilizer in farm fields.

Eric motioned to adjourn, Nelson seconded and the meeting concluded at 8:31 PM.

The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is planned for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 18.

New York State and Albany County Open Space Planning Documents:

NYS DEC: <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/open-space/2016-open-space-conservation-planalbany>

Albany County: <https://www.albanycountywy.gov/DocumentCenter/View/937/Comprehensive-Plan-10-Chapter-7---Open-Space-and-Public-Lands-PDF>