

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

Eric opened the meeting at about 6:35 PM.

#### Housekeeping

- Eric made a motion to approve the April 15 meeting minutes. Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Education and Outreach

- We need to attract public participation for a fall event with the Agricultural Advisory Committee.
  - Defining the purpose: to generate public participation, awareness of resources in Knox.
    - The Agricultural Advisory Committee plans to survey farmers and the public about their values and vision for Knox.
  - Amy will ask Donna Gwin if October 11 would work for the Historical Society if they were to join the event.
  - Amy will ask Maryellen Gillis for promotional ideas because of her contacts with HFCO.
  - Eric could arrange for an eagle to be there.

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

- Eric met recently with Gary Kleppel, professional planner Nan Stolzenberg and the Farmland Protection Plan (FPP) committee, and Nan agreed that any resulting maps would be available for the CAC to use.
  - We'll ask for any maps she can provide of sink holes and other karst features.
  - We'll ask for a map of small wetlands and vernal pools.
- Nan's professional mapper could give us a tutorial on how to use the mapping software.
- We could consider making a story map to include local cultural and historical highlights.
  - Photos and post cards from old hotels on Thompsons Lake, other businesses, the Knox cave, local churches and scenes from the hamlet of Knox could be included.

#### Conservation Planning

- The FPP will be a valuable reference or chapter in any future comprehensive planning effort.
- The FPP maps will inform and advance further progress on CEAs, OSI and NRI.

#### Biosolids

- Amy will check with Russ about getting an approval resolution from the town board to add the biosolids definition to the zoning ordinance.
- Rick will draft a letter to our representatives to express our support for the bill to extend the moratorium on the application of biosolids on land in Albany County to 5 years.
  - Amy will ask to have this added to the agenda for the May 20 town board meeting.

#### Water Supply

- Historical accounts of Knox refer to the unreliable supply of water.
  - The fire company would use a fire truck occasionally to deliver water to farms and families when wells would run dry.
- Could Knox develop a municipal water supply? Amy will check on federal grant opportunities announced by Paul Tonko.
  - A1 water source on Route 7 northeast of Duanesburg is a municipal water supply.
  - It is inspected 2x/year.

### Wetlands Boardwalk

- The boardwalk is in good shape. The hemlock planks are not cupping. Not all the fasteners are installed, and Eric just has two left. Nelson will get the specs on them.

### Local Recreational Resources

- Dave, Rick, and Nelson attended the tour Bryan Swift gave recently of the Bozenkill Preserve. Bryan and his wife live in Guilderland across Bond Road from the Bozenkill Preserve. Dave offered to give those of us who missed that tour a second chance.
  - The expanded preserve will be good for cross country skiing and trail hikes.
  - There is a long vista at one point.
- The Long Path trail connector below Leesome Lane has been delayed due to access issues with the landowners. Steve Siegard is the chief negotiator.
  - The kiosk project near the old Key Bank in Altamont is making progress. The funds are approved and the design work is underway.
  - Historic Altamont will meet soon.
- The cabin in the Winn Preserve has been dismantled and salvaged for use by the Helderberg Workshop.

### Other Discussion

- Dave has seen a bobcat and some eagles and ospreys near his house at the northwest end of town. Eric has been seeing vultures.

Amy motioned to adjourn, Nelson seconded and the meeting concluded at 7:50 PM.

The next CAC meeting is planned for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 24.