

Attending: Eric Marczak, Rick Georgeson, Amy Lauterbach (by phone)

Absent: Nelson Kent, Dave Nelson

Eric opened the meeting at about 6:51 PM.

Housekeeping

- Eric moved and Rick seconded to approve the May 13 meeting minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.
- A link for the harassment training program for 2025 was emailed to members on June 24

Education and Outreach

Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

- Eric will get map updates from Gary Kleppel when they are available

Conservation Planning

- Gary Kleppel is almost finished with the final draft of the grant application for the farmland protection plan

Biosolids

- The town board approved adding the biosolids definition to the zoning ordinance and the paperwork for the proposed change to the zoning ordinance was delivered to the Albany County Planning Board.
- The moratorium on application of biosolids on land in Albany County has been extended for 180 days.

Water Supply

- Federal grants for water infrastructure all seem to address existing municipal water supplies.
 - A request was sent to Paul Tonko's office for information on any resources that could help Knox establish a new backup supply to supplement wells that dry up in drought conditions or that are otherwise compromised.
- We discussed surveying residents to learn more about their wells: water quality, quantity, depth, changes in water quality, history of problems, etc.
 - Amy will send the most recent (2014) public survey questions and responses to members.
 - Water quality was not addressed.
 - Response rate was 25%
 - We could work from prior efforts to develop a new survey about water quality.
 - Data collected could contribute to the natural resources inventory.
 - Any anticipated expenses should be planned for in next year's (2026) town budget. Requests for funding should go to the supervisor in late August or early September.
- Less water could be available for food production by the end of this century or sooner.
 - Could Knox be food independent?
 - We discussed preparing a presentation for the town board.

Wetlands Boardwalk

- The plank walkway at the wetlands withstood the recent heavy rains with no damage.

Local Recreational Resources

- A groundbreaking ceremony for the Long Path connector kiosk was held in Altamont on June 23.

Other Discussion

- Applications for grants from Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District were submitted by the town board this month:
 - Assessment of flooding risks, installation of beaver deceiver-type equipment, and equipment maintenance training
 - Shelter for outdoor bank of mailboxes by Knox Town Hall
 - New culvert under the walking path in the central section of the Knox Town Park
- Another grant application was submitted to Albany County Parks and Recreation:
 - Improvements to the concession stand in the Knox Town Park

Rick motioned to adjourn, Eric seconded and the meeting concluded at 7:25 PM.

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