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Town of Knox Conservation Advisory Council

Meeting Notes September 23, 2025

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

Absent: Nelson Kent

Eric opened the meeting at 6:31 PM.

Housekeeping

- Eric moved and Rick seconded to approve the August 26 meeting minutes and it passed unanimously.
- All present members have completed the harassment training program for 2025.

Education and Outreach

- We are preparing a draft presentation for the town board to address our concerns about water quality and water quantity, and to ask for a budget line to pay for printing and mailing the water survey. We'll also request the town board's approval to apply for a grant for drought mitigation measures.
- We made changes to the survey introductory document and to the draft survey.

Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

Conservation Planning

- Eric met Greg Cuda, who rehabilitates streams with plantings.

Biosolids

Water Supply

- We reviewed and edited the revised draft introductory memo and survey to ask residents about wells.
- Amy will ask Susan Lewis about the availability of rain barrels through ACS&WCD.

Wetlands Boardwalk

- The ACS&WCD grant request for beaver deceivers was approved. A \$500 initial analysis is planned.
- Vegetation overgrowth along the walkway has been reported. Eric volunteered to trim some of it.

Local Recreational Resources

- We will staff an information table at the ribbon cutting for the kiosk for the Long Path connector on September 27.
 - We'll borrow the Historical Society's town seal
 - We'll provide current copies of the newsletter, the list of bird and plant species that have been identified at the wetland and the additional write up on water issues.

Other Discussion

- Bear sightings are becoming more common in Knox. Problem animals can be called in to the DEC hotline.
 - Urgent issues on weekends or holidays: 1-844-332-3267
 - Non-urgent week day calls: 518-402-8883

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 28.

Submitted by Amy Lauterbach