

Attending: Eric Marczak, Nelson Kent, Amy Lauterbach, Dave Nelson.

Eric opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

#### Housekeeping

- Nelson made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Amy will ask Russ to reset the Harassment Training link for Dave, Nelson and Eric.
- Amy will ask Brigitte if she wants to continue membership next year.

#### Education and Outreach

- Amy will ask Nick and Marie Viscio about the history of the Woodlands Trail guide that was used when the original boardwalk opened. Dave will ask Deb as well.
- Dave has been helping to work on the Long Path connector trail to Altamont.
  - Steve Siegard is the contact for that project. Facebook page is Friends of the Long Path

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

- Eric reminded us of an email he sent referencing USDA map software with overlays to show slope, forested areas, other features.
- Amy will ask Betty Ketcham if she would be willing to demonstrate for us how GIS mapping tools are used.

#### Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)

#### Wetlands Boardwalk

- Russ has requested a sign for the wetland to say “Environmentally Sensitive Area.”
- Wetlands are identified by the presence of hydric soils, rather than by distance from open water.
- We don’t have reliable existing maps of local wetlands.
  - How are wetland maps updated? Can we provide input?
  - New DEC regulations will allow for regulated wetlands to be smaller than 5 hectares unless it’s of unusual importance.
  - Our wetland is large enough to be state regulated.
- We would need an expert opinion regarding placement of a parking area near the wetland access.
  - William Beutow from the Region 4 office in Schenectady is our wetland biologist.

#### Other Discussion

- Dave reported that the cabin in the Winn Preserve is being dismantled and the materials will be donated to Helderberg Workshop.

Eric motioned to adjourn, Dave seconded and the meeting concluded at 8:41 PM.

The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is planned for 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 19.