



## Town of East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council

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### Conservation Advisory Council monthly meeting

May 22, 2023 - 7PM  
East Greenbush Town Hall  
Draft Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees

Members: Jennifer Dean, Chair (JD), Evan Barr (EB), (VM), Fred Henson (FH), Jennifer Hixon (JH)

Absent: Victoria Manieri & Brad Wenshoski

Secretary: Alison Lovely (AL)

Meeting was recorded to [Town Hall Streams](#)

- Call to order - 7:00 PM
- Welcomed Alison Lovely as new secretary
- Business item updates
  - TB
    - Voted and adopted the HML Assessment at their 5/17/23 meeting.
    - FH stated the door is open for Dan Fiacco to ask any further questions regarding the HML Assessment.
  - PZD
    - Letter of support from CDRPC on climate change/EPA grant.
    - Mabey's site plan was approved by TB on 5/17/23.
    - Mabey's returns to PB on 5/24/23 for approval of SUP.
    - JH asked if there was a specific list of plantings for Mabey's landscaping.
    - FH stated notes from last meeting reflected the PB had spotted some poor landscaping choices and had recommended changes to be made on site plan.
    - No new applications for CAC to review.
    - 26 Mountain View Ave Subdivision is back with changes. Still concerns on water flow, CAC to review revised materials on PZD applications webpage for 26 Mountain View Ave Subdivision.
    - Drain Markers are in PZD office.



- JD stated Anna Feltham submitted her 4-week notice, the Town is also seeking an Asst. Planner.
  - Last meeting talked about new member for CAC but member pulled their application.
  - JD asked council if they should repost request for new member.
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- Meeting minutes for May 1, 2023 unanimously approved with amendment (FH moved, JH seconded) Motion carried 4-0
  - Zoning Committee
    - VM couldn't make meeting tonight but is working on comments.
    - FH stated urged for comments by the end of May.
  - Development Projects for CAC review
    - Mabey's, was discussed if someone can review & email PB before Wednesday than great.
  - Other Project Discussions
    - Hampton Manor Lake Assessment was approved.
    - Natural Resources Inventory Map Viewer now available online, was presented to Planning Board on 5/10/23 & they will also share with developers.
    - Made a quick announcement to TB about it on 5/17/23.
    - JH said PB loved it.
    - JD needs more work on mapper & instructions.
    - FH suggested hosting an NRI workshop in the fall or winter to the public and see how people like it & can get input and make changes.
    - Tree give away at Town Park on May 7<sup>th</sup>, large crowd, all shrubs were given away, some trees remain. Led nature walk along creek trail.
    - JD stated CAC email address has been very active since that event. JH stated need to start thinking about species as some sell out fast that are available at the tree nurseries. FH stated it would be good to have a different selection next year, than what they had this year.
    - EB asked about the website and the hits it receives. JD stated this is just about the emails coming in. JD stated that would be good for our annual report.
    - JD asked if this should become an annual event. Council stated yes.
    - Route 4 Corridor study, JH made comments & they were appreciated.
    - Catch Basin Marking, JH stated meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> w/Megan Myers & Asst. from Ren Cty Water & Soil district, Dan Fiacco & hopefully Anna Feltham. EB wants to attend.



- JD asked who will install markers, JH stated Megan's intern at no charge. JD stated get photos when they go and do it.
- JD stated DPW has done a lot of work on the wetlands on the east side of the lake.
- JD stated it's swampy, which is a good thing as wetlands are great filters. DPW's goal is to excavate outfalls & make them easier to maintain going forward. FH stated sediment basins essentially. JD stated correct and these basins have been full of sediment so they haven't been filtering properly.
- JD stated DPW will hold off on south side until the fall when migratory birds are gone, trying to minimize disruption at this time.
- JD stated VM talked to Dan Fiacco today and he's hoping CAC provides a planting list of vegetation.
- FH stated objective is to take advantage of useful vegetation with diversity.
- JH stated cattails have a hard time against the Phragmites (genus of four species of large perennial reed grass).
- FH stated woody vegetation & also something that is attractive to the neighborhood.
- JD stated planting of turf grass is discouraged, looking for more wetland type plants.
- FH was wondering about the CAC budget, as he would recommend getting a copy of Lake Scaping for Fish & Wildlife.
- JD motion to approve purchase of book. Second by JH. Motion carried 4-0
- Forrest Discussion
  - JH there are tree inventory or management plan grants. JH Tree inventory management plan due June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Would need to get quote/estimate from at least one certified arborist. JD lets put it off a year and let the PZD get help and get settled.
  - FH need tree inventory in terms of benefit to citizens of Town. Best areas for trees maybe to provide shade along sidewalks along Route 9 & 20. Tree inventory could be used to identify where they are most needed in Town.
  - JH stated that were was a webinar that was recorded that she could watch to get more information.
  - JH asked when the next meeting is. JD stated June 26, 2023.

#### Public Comment

- No public present.



- EB asked in regards to the disturbance of the lake, is there money allocated by the Town for the replanting of things in that area.
  - JD stated VM talked to DPW and there is a budget for re-vegetation.
  - FH should do a reach out in regards to maintenance of the lake and could do a reach out event on Lake, maybe getting volunteers (neighbors) to help remove water chestnuts. JD suggested maybe a walk and talk (nature walk) around the lake. JD stated best time to remove water chestnuts is mid-July to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - FH stated that he will put some time into thinking about something to do.
  - JH stated that she will re-engage the idea of a photo exhibit at the library.
- Wrap-up/Review action items
    - The next regular CAC meeting will be held June 26, 2023
    - Meeting adjourned 7:50 JD made motion; FH seconded Motion carried 4-0