



Town of East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council

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Conservation Advisory Council monthly meeting

September 18, 2023 - 7PM

East Greenbush Town Hall

Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Members: Jennifer Dean, Chair (JD), Victoria Manieri (VM), Jennifer Hixon (EB), Evan Barr

Absent: Fred Henson & Brad Wenshoski

Secretary: Alison Lovely (AL) watching via live stream

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

- Call to order - 7:00 PM
- Meeting minutes for [August 8, 2023](#) – Motion to approve as amended by VM, Second by JD. Motion carried.
- Business item updates (Minutes & Agendas)
 - EB stated he saw Carver Court was linking up to the water system. Josh Giller stated that yes, a water & sewer district extension is being proposed for Carver Court, which they will be paying for. JD asked if that was for their 110 subdivision. Josh Giller stated it was and they are also completely and offsite sewer upgrade for the capacity for the subdivision to exist.
 - EB asked if the Town was considering a website change as far as design. Josh Giller stated that there are parts of the website that aren't as clear as we'd like them to be.
 - JD asked if the Town would consider input at all, possibility usability recommendations & in the future if a CAC member will have the ability to do content updates. Josh Giller stated that there could be.
 - JD stated that they got their ESRI grant renewed.
- Development Projects for CAC review
 - Josh Giller stated just mainly Seaboard Solar at this time.
 - JD stated that the main focus is the Seaboard Solar recommendation which JH has put together on behalf of the Board.
 - JD stated that they have some draft recommendations for the Planning Board. JD asked if anyone had some amendments or edits to them.



- VM stated that the draft looks great and nothing stuck out & everything the CAC discussed was covered. EB also stated it looks great.
- JD stated that the major recommendations were the north branch of the Moordener Kill, looking at the riparian zone and that vegetation around the creek to slow the water down from the water panels, keeping track of what types of vegetation they will be planting in-between the panels & keeping the species native and how to maintain them so that that species becomes the dominant species there. They pointed out some of the positives; decrease of herbicide and pesticide use; the powering of over 1,900 homes with clean energy with less reliance on burning with fossil fuels.
- JD stated they could do a motion to approve the recommendation if the Board is in agreement pending any editorial changes.
- Motion to approve recommendation for Seaboard Solar by EB, Second by VM. Motion carried.
- JD mentioned that they could make improvements to the NRI map viewer as a winter project.
- PZD
 - Discussed the Golden Grain proposed parking expansion.
 - Discussed the Regeneron proposed electric golf cart charging stations.
 - Unrelated to PZD, JD stated the ESRI grant is up for renewal.
- TB
 - Nothing
- Other Project Discussions
 - EB talked about Hampton Manor Drain Markings. EB stated that 1/3 of the drain markers had been detached from the surface or gone all together. EB took pictures of issues he saw.
 - VM stated she's noticed around Hampton Manor there are areas where people were doing clean up on the property and dumping things in "wild" areas. So, she was wondering if they could do some type of campaign to make awareness on that topic.
 - VM stated that tree planting hasn't happened at the Lake yet but Dan has been in touch with the nursery and hopefully next month the trees will go in.
 - VM stated that Dan said that updating the stormwater system on the south side of the lake will have to wait until sometime in the future.



- EB stated in regards to the Climate Smart Communities he's going to meet with Josh from the CDRPC on Friday so he can gain confidence in what he needs to ask the Town Board to do in order to make the taskforce. JD asked if Josh would be interested in that as well and he said he would be.
- Zoning Committee
 - Josh Giller stated that their passing the Zoning with the DGEIS, so once that's ready to go it will go in front of the Town Board for public review.

Public Comment

- Dave Terpening commented about Solar Project and feels that the project should be looked into more, he feels it's 99.9% approved & what the benefits will be for the residents of the Town. EB asked Dave Terpening to speak more specifically on the fact that Dave Terpening feels that they won't be made responsible for cleaning up the site after the end of life of the panels. Dave Terpening feels that since they have all these LLC's and, in his experience, LLC's hide things. JH asked Josh who negotiates the size of the bond. Josh Giller stated that the decommissioning bond is determined through NYS requirements depending on the size of the system. The decommissioning bond will cover the cost of decommissioning the system. It's a requirement through the Solar Law.
- Wrap-up/Review action items
 - JH asked when the members terms were up . JD stated she would look into that.
 - The next regular CAC meeting will be held October 23, 2023

Motion to close meeting by JD, seconded by EB. Motion carried 4-0.