



Town of East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council

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Conservation Advisory Council monthly meeting approved minutes

February 27, 2023 - 7PM
East Greenbush Town Hall
Community Room

Attendees:

Members of the CAC: Jennifer Dean, Chair (JD), Victoria Manieri (VM), Fred Henson (FH), Jenny Hixon (JH)

Also Present: Anna Feltham, EG Director of Planning (AF), members of the public

Recorder: Jenny Hixon

Meeting was unfortunately not successfully recorded to [Town Hall Streams](#).

- Call to order - 7:02 PM
- Minutes from Jan 30, 2022 meeting were approved (JD move, VM second, JH in favor, FH abstained because he was not present at Jan 30 meeting)
- CDRPC Technical Assistance Grant - demonstration of progress on online map interface for NRI maps must be rescheduled because of illness among Capital District Regional Planning Commission staff.
 - Madison Hrysko emailed a screenshot of the map in progress.
 - Zoom Mon 3/6 or 3/13. AF will help us set it up, with public announcement.
 - AF made sure no changes were made to MS4 data
 - JH to send hour tracking tool late tomorrow
- Business item updates
 - Motion to approve 2022 Annual Report of CAC activities
 - VM moved, FH second, all in favor, JD will date and submit to AF to distribute
 - Board reports -
 - Planning Board - AF noted that the following items were discussed in February meetings.
 - MOTION for RECOMMENDATION for TOWN BOARD to DECLARE LEAD AGENCY and INITIATE A COORDINATED REVIEW for LUIZZI COMPANIES GILLIGAN ROAD MAJOR SITE PLAN.
 - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLAT by E.W. BIRCH BUILDERS for 4-LOT MAJOR SUBDIVISION 26 MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE



- Minor subdivision and lot line modifications
 - Zoning Board of Appeals - nothing requiring input from CAC.
 - Town Board approved a “Resolution to Initiate SEQRA Coordinated Review and Declare Intent to be Lead Agency for Zoning Text and Map Amendments and Subdivision Regulation Amendments. AF suggested it would be helpful to have CAC input at scoping session, most likely to be scheduled for the last week of March.
 - Route 4 corridor study - Rte 4 study March 27. CAC can submit comment, individually (survey) and as council. For instance, NG PB submitted letter. Broad comments earlier, but more detailed study after Lake Assessment is complete. JD added group’s ideas to her original email. JH to format.
- Town Ethics training - March 21 - members will attend that or another meeting.
- Motion to approve new member - Brad Wenskoski - JD moved, VM, all in favor
 - JD will forward his email to AF
 - AF will put his candidacy on March TB agenda.
- Zoning Committee Updates
 - Last meeting was more informal - a field trip around Town to look at different proposed zones. Eye-opening to be on the ground.
 - MJ working on conservation subdivision regulations.
 - DEC webinars - March Conservation subdivision - if contractor preserves larger area, they can have higher density.
- Development Projects for CAC review
 - Gilligan Rd apartments - [google folder](#) - JD created with relevant documents
 - Evan went through but is not here tonight because of illness
 - We can come together and brainstorm suggestions to enhance conservation values
 - Next agenda would be ZBA agenda, later than March. They need two variances.
 - No other major applications right now.
- Other Project Discussions
 - Mentioned last meeting:
 - Catch Basin marking project - markers arrived. JH to coordinate installation with Megan Myers of Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District and Dan Fiacco and Rick Williams of EG DPW.
 - Tree Sale - NYS DEC - Sunday May 7, or Saturday May 13 (just before Mother’s Day). VM can pick up, or FH may be able to get the delivered to him by co-worker. VM will confirm that 5/7 is still available.
 - Library Exhibit on Hampton Manor Lake - no update
 - Rensselaer county conservation roundtable - JD and VM presenting about NRI.
- TB hired a Planner - Corneil Smith, with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and an M.S. in Sustainable Communities from Binghamton University, State University of New York, previously employed by the Wilton Land Conservation Trust.



- Public Comment
 - David Terpening
 - Concerned about the effect on neighboring properties of the requested minor subdivision and special use permit at 180/200 AMERICAN OIL RD
 - Wondered if there will there be a database matching zoning to tax id, because publicly available NYS data is incorrect, which makes it difficult to gauge effect of proposed development on environment.
- Hampton Manor Lake Assessment discussion [from Resolution Authorizing the Conservation Advisory Council to Review and Make Recommendations to the Town Board on the Issue of Restoring Hampton Lake to Good Health (158-2022)]
 - VM will combine two parts of document in next 2 weeks
 - Team to review week of 13, 20th, for discussion at next meeting.
 - Goal to adopt in March in time to source supplies before summer.
 - Pick top strategies for executive summary.
- At 8 pm, JD moved to adjourn the meeting in view of the impending snow storm. FH seconded. All were in favor.