



Town of East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council

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Conservation Advisory Council monthly meeting

June 26, 2023 - 7PM
East Greenbush Town Hall
Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Members: Jennifer Dean, Chair (JD), Fred Henson (FH), Jennifer Hixon (JH)

Absent: Victoria Manieri, Evan Barr & Brad Wenshoski

Secretary: Alison Lovely (AL)

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

- Call to order - 7:00 PM
- Meeting minutes for May 22, 2023 tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of a quorum
- JD introduced Josh Giller, the new Director of Planning to the Board
- Launched GIS map viewer in May
- Business item updates
 - TB
 - Nothing new to report
 - PZD
 - Immanuel Church has a modification to their approved site plan & mentioned the retention ponds on site and the plantings that might occur there, JD is not sure of the species that will be planted there.
 - Could recommend plantings for the retention basins if asked.
 - FH review the Planning Board meeting minutes and saw a 2 lot subdivision on Oregon and he didn't see any issues for the CAC.
 - FH mentioned the 6 Ridge Road proposal & JD stated that concerns are parking, stormwater & her concern is maintaining pedestrian access. JD stated that there is an infestation of Japanese Mountain weed at the site that could pose a problem for the builders when they move a lot of ground and could grow next to the foundation.
 - JH will review the Town Board meeting minutes
 - JD will follow the Zoning Board



- JD stated that Haley Balcanoff from CDRPC is going on maternity leave and in her absence, Josh Dranoff will be stepping in and helping with community outreach coordinator.
- Zoning Committee
 - VM is liaison, the draft is publicly available, she had recommended changes to the draft & has submitted those to the committee. Members discussed some of the changes and their concerns.
- Development Projects for CAC review
 - None
- Other Project Discussions
 - Hampton Manor drain markers project. JH met with DPW folks & Rick Williams and the Ren County soil & water district, they are not all done placing the drain markers. JH has not inspected their work yet but will and will get pictures.
 - JD asked how many drain markers there were, JH stated she ordered 100 but then they only had 85, so more can be ordered if needed.
 - FH asked if a thank you should be sent on behalf of the CAC to the Ren County Soil & Water . JH stated that she can draft something up and they could all sign it at the next meeting.
 - JD stated that VM has been in close contact with DPW as there is a lot of stuff going on with the lake.
 - JD stated that DPW has been cleaning out the outfalls in the lake.
 - JD the number of tree species are being looked at to plant as well as shrubs to plant from the list that VM gave DPW.
 - JD stated there is a much larger areas at the large end of the lake where they need to dig and excavate those outfalls, but the CAC as asked that they wait until the fall to address things at that end, when the migratory birds leave.
 - JD stated that FH had volunteered to organize something to pull the water chestnuts and that it would be August the earliest to do that.
 - JH stated that Eric Albert from the Parks Dept. was really interested in pulling water chestnuts. FH will contact him.
 - JD stated that anywhere from now through August 7, 2023 would be the optimal time.
- Forrest Discussion
 - Nothing



Public Comment

- No public present.
 - FH wondered if it could be built into their annual cycle to find new species of invasive plants, they might want to have a periodic check of planting list.
 - JD stated that Hemlock is one of them.
 - FH stated that if July will be another short meeting, that maybe they can look at the website and figure out to neaten it up.
 - JD asked if there was anything else. There wasn't.
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- Wrap-up/Review action items
 - The next regular CAC meeting will be held July 24, 2023