

**Town of East Greenbush  
Conservation Advisory Council**

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**Conservation Advisory Council monthly meeting**

September 26, 2022 - 7PM  
East Greenbush Town Hall

**Approved Meeting minutes**

Attendees

Members Jennifer Dean (JD), Adam Tobey (AT), Jennifer Hixon (JH) Victoria Manieri (VM),  
[Fred Henson (FH), Arrived at 7:06]

Recorder: Adam Tobey (AT)

Also Present: Anna Feltham (AF)

Chair called the meeting order at 7:01 p.m.

JD makes motion to approve the July meeting minutes, VM seconds. AT motions to approve August minutes, JD seconds.

Business items updates

- seconded - JH, AT, JD in favor, VM abstains.
- AF: Revised plans from Immanual church and they changed plantings. It is tentatively on the planning board agenda for wednesday. JD asks about impervious surfaces, no change on that.
- AF: Received a revised plan set from the Columbia Turnpike gas station.
- Town center project:
  - JD do they have landscape plans/can we be involved in that? AF: They do, could be open to future suggestions.

Zoning Committee Update

- AF: Will be starting to get ready to work on the setbacks info and more detailed/information.
- VM will try to attend the October 3rd meeting, AT will be in attendance.
- FH: Circulate it to the relevant land trusts?

Discussion

- CAC Recruitment:
  - Three positions will be available.
  - Potential to combine forces with the Climate Smart Communities task force.
- JD met with Christine Vanderlan, the Hudson River Estuary Program representative.
  - They have a lot of valuable municipal resources.
  - They discussed getting together a county round table of environmental groups.

- Discussed the Hudson River Valley Greenway and CDRPC about potential funding sources for GIS development.
- Climate Smart Communities Update
  - Mike is going to wait until post budget season to pursue a task force for the program.

#### Projects for CAC review

- Mabey's has to go through the major site plan review, will be more of a reduced review than typical. There is already existing phase 1 landscaping, but there would be additional landscaping near the proposed warehouse.

#### Catch Basin Markings

- JH they have a number designs for drainage. 500 for the best would be 2.30 ~1k. Custom would be additional 400-500.
- Custom marker may have a better educational impact. Stock markers are much more economical.
- VM considers a watershed map to show the impacts.
- JH we should consider purchasing supplies in this fiscal year.
- VM we can plan to get support during the winter and implement the project in the spring/summer.

#### Tree Planting BMPs

- VM discussed linking to printing standards. Those set of standards require purchase.
- JD next step is to send it out to Carver Court project with.

#### Water Chestnut

- Reached out to Jimmy and Dave, met JD out at Hampton Manor and pulled up the remaining rosettes on September 8th. Discussed timing for next year. JD thinks July-August 15th might be better.
- It may be sufficient to snip rosettes.

#### Hampton Manor Lake

- JD: makes sense to do things consecutively. Risk and Challenges and current state could be combined. Doing the water body description would be the next best step.
  - The physical description can be taken from the DEC document and adjusted.
  - FH we have the write up from Bobby Reno for historical.
- FH the need problem statement is the mismatch between the state of the lake and people's expectation as a neighbor amenity.
- Workshop
  - FH to the best of our ability give recommendations that can be realistically achieved.
  - Reach out to Jack about the community surveys.

#### Action Items

- CAC
  - AT to send out a link to Zoning Update Committee meeting recordings.
  - AT to reach out to the UAlbany Planning Program director about the CAC positions.
  - JH will reach out to the land trusts with the flyers and to Evan/Brianna who attended the last meeting.
  - VM will connect with the town to post in the advertiser.
- Catch Basin:
  - JH will attempt to determine the number of catch basins in the Hampton Manor.
- AF will send out a higher resolution photo for the CAC letterhead.
- VM will draft a document to Carver Court.
- AT will reach out to contact with PRISM to see if there's an invasive species removal guide for the area. And to see about the potential for bringing the

#### Additional CAC Comments

- VM: We have a note to do our tree ordering early. In addition to that, consider using "Buckthorn Baggies" \$50 for 30, \$100 for 100. One manufacturer that makes specific bags with zip-ties.
- AF: Potential request from DPW about maybe making a kind of list/user guide on common invasive species removal.
- JD: If DPW ever wants to do an invasive species workshop with the CAC about removal.
- JD to contact Lisa to make sure a room is available for the workshop on October 13th.

#### Public Comment

- David Terpening: Hired a drone pilot to take aerial video and the video shows that developers are not abiding by the zoning law.

JD Motion adjourn FH seconded at 9:02PM.