

Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes of May 27, 2014 Meeting
Village Hall

Chairperson Robert Liebman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Members present:

Chairperson Robert Liebman
Alison Bisbano

Minutes:

Approve minutes of April meeting

Alison presented the corrected version of the April minutes.

Alison: Are there any changes?

Bob: No, the minutes are good.

Alison: I'll send the minutes out.

Budget: CAC budget for 2014-2015

Bob: The CAC has \$2,025 worth of funds in the budget.

Alison: Will the funds be used for conferences and materials this year?

Bob: Most of it is under that designation.

Alison: We can think about including the development of the Natural Resource Inventory in next year's budget (May 2015 through May 2016).

Bob: Yes. We will need to hand in a well thought out proposal.

STAR Community Rating System: CAC PowerPoint presentation

Bob: I expect to be on the agenda next week.

Alison: We can check the Village Board agenda to see if we're on for next week.

Bob: The Village Board agenda is posted Friday. Now STAR has sign up times two times per year for cities, towns, and counties. I am thinking Mount Kisco may want to start at the lowest level.

Conferences:

Westchester Climate Change Summit

Bob: There are three sponsoring organizations. We can play a role in climate adaption.

Alison: Is there a website to get more information?

Bob: Not yet. Climate adaption means becoming more resilient against weather events.

Alison: What are some examples of becoming more resilient?

Bob: Planting trees, painting roofs white, preparing for hot weather, preparing for loss of electricity.

2014 Conference on the Environment

Bob: We can submit the STAR presentation for an award. There is a form to fill out. We will need to submit a statement. The website provides the information. If we go to the conference we can present the learned information to the Village Board.

Natural Resource Inventory: Update

Alison: Westchester County provides NRI maps on a website.

Bob: The point of the NRI is to get it in the Comprehensive Plan. Those maps are good for a comprehensive plan. We'll have to speak with a planner to determine if these maps are OK for development projects.

Alison: I plan to call Westchester Conservation Board and ask who develops NRIs.

Bob: It is a good idea to search without Westchester County in the search field and see what comes up. Go through NYSACC website to find examples of NRIs done by other towns.

2014 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater System) Report

Bob: The EPA requires a report to protect stormwater.

Alison: The EPA is making sure that the stormwater will not be polluted.

Bob: The EPA monitors the stormwater. The CAC would not be monitoring the stormwater. The CAC can keep up with the reports.

Planning Board Items:

Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester site visit

Plans for the site visit were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison Bisbano