

Conservation Advisory Council  
Minutes of February 25, 2014 Meeting  
Village Hall

*Chairperson Robert Liebman called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.*

Members present:

Chairperson Robert Liebman  
Alison Bisbano

Minutes:

Approve minutes of January meeting

We revised the January meeting minutes.

Bob: Alison can email the minutes to Paula so she can post them to the Mount Kisco website. I can provide Alison with the email address.

Budget: Review budget request for 2014-1015

The budget is for NYSACC dues and attending the annual conference.

Alison: The budget request looks good.

STAR sustainability rating system for communities: Review our PowerPoint presentation

Bob: We may need permission from STAR personnel to display their materials. I have inquired with them and have not yet heard back.

Alison: We need to communicate with the STAR rating system personnel regarding their terms of use before giving the PowerPoint presentation to the Village.

We reviewed the PowerPoint presentation.

Bob: October 2014 is the deadline for enrolling in the STAR program. Note that the STAR system is also for better living and wellness in addition to sustainability.

Alison: The CAC can pursue the rating system. First we need to get a response back from the rating system's personnel.

#### Guide for CACs from Westchester County Dept of Planning: Review

Alison emailed what is typed thus far to Bob. Alison shall finish typing up the notes on the Guide document.

#### Natural Resource Inventory: Preparatory research update

Bob: We need to figure out how to do a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). Alison will come back to look at the NRI binder. We need to research how to make an NRI. There are two aspects of the NRI: the first is information that has already been obtained, the second is field work to obtain additional information. We may need to pay a professional to help produce the NRI. Governments and the Department of Environmental Conservation have information. The NRI can be used to create new laws.

Alison: It may also be used when applicants want to develop on new land.

Bob: That is correct. We can find some towns that have already developed an NRI. We can type "NRI methods" into a search engine on the internet.

#### Planning Board items: The Hearth at Mount Kisco – comments on steep slopes and wetland permits

Alison: I took notes on a steep slope document as part of my research. I organized that information into a specific order to be used as the rough draft for the steep slope comments.

Bob: Alison should finish the steep slope comments before the March CAC meeting. There is also another Planning Board Item that the CAC shall look into. It is the Kisco Smith LLC item that was on the February 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### Other Business

Bob: I plan to contact Doug Hertz to ask him to include the CAC if the Energy Advisory Panel adds green building codes to their agenda after we attend the Green Building Codes meeting on Friday.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison Bisbano