**Town of Knox Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Notes 7:30 PM March 19, 2022 & April 21, 2022**

Attending: Eric Marczak, Brigitte McAuliffe, Shawn McAuliffe, Amy Pokorny, Nelson Kent

The group agreed to name Eric as chair of the committee.

* Eric provided background literature about the responsibilities and roles of the CAC.

Discussion points:

* The CAC can submit the open area inventory and map that was produced several years ago to the town board for approval and acceptance as the open space index of the Town of Knox.
* We will be an educational resource for Knox residents
	+ Publicize dye study results, variety of soil types, characteristics of karst, maps of gas lines, other important infrastructure and physical characteristics
		- Provide website access to the information
	+ Prepare and deliver presentations/talking points for each board in Knox
	+ Compose an article for the next newsletter and the Enterprise
* Look at Rhinebeck website and their Land Use Committee meetings
	+ Get project ideas from Rhinebeck

Other project ideas:

* Solicit experts to speak about water quality, karst geology and hydrology, tick control, elements of property values, other topics
* Develop a survey to ask residents about their water quality, why they live in Knox, what they value about living in Knox
* Participate in promoting Household Hazardous Waste Collection event, facilitating removal of old chemicals in barns – agricultural, pest control, ...
* Promote update of comprehensive plan
* Promote and participate in restoration of the wetlands boardwalk
* The CAC could work to become a Conservation Advisory Board to increase its authority in protecting sensitive areas identified in the town’s open space index.
	+ Open planning objectives would need to be articulated
* A CAB would review each application for use or development of any area identified in the open space inventory.
	+ Evaluate proposed uses per open planning objectives of Knox
	+ Determine possible effects of proposed uses or development on the open space
	+ Recommend most appropriate uses or developments
	+ File reports with the Knox Town Board
	+ Make reports available to the public