Town of Knox

Conservation Advisory Council

Meeting Date: May 19th, 2016

Present: Nathan Giordano

Dee Woessner

Laure-Jeanne Davignon

Peter Shunney Pat Irwin

Also: Dan Driscoll, Planning Board

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7:32PM.

Minutes from the April 2016 Meeting were approved.

The CAC reviewed the upcoming DEC workshop "Woodlands, Wetlands, and Water: What Local Decision Makers Need to Know". Several CAC members are planning to attend.

The CAC discussed the email received from a local Environmental Science college student who is interested in volunteering in the Knox wetlands. Berne's wetland inventory was discussed, as well as the possibility of applying for a grant to fund a more extensive inventory of wetlands in town.

Dan reported that the Planning Board completed their proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding lighting and noise, and that a public hearing will be scheduled. They are still completing their amendment regarding solar arrays, provided a draft of the document, and will provide a completed document when it is available. He will also provide copies of some other towns' ordinances. The CAC will review and discuss this further at our next meeting. It was also reported that the Town Board requested the PB consider an additional business district be created on Rte 156 @ 157, and after consideration the PB recommended against it.

The CAC reviewed its progress on completing the Natural Resource Inventory. The idea was proposed to approach the Town Board for funding to support this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

The next CAC meeting will be June 16th, 2016.