

Town of Knox
Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Date: June 16th 2016

Present: Nathan Giordano
Dee Woessner
Laure-Jeanne Davignon
Peter Shunney

Also: Dan Driscoll, Planning Board
Amy Pokorny and Eric Kuck, Town Board

Meeting opened at 7:35PM.

Minutes from May 2016 Meeting were approved.

Dee, Nathan and Dan reported on the 3 hour DEC/CCE workshop they attended last month in Delmar on Woodlands Water and Wetlands.

The group discussed possible options for Joe Sprung, a local college student who has expressed interest in helping out with town wetlands. Ingrid Haeckel's suggestions were reviewed, as were Dan's. It was decided it might be best to start him in a small area in the vicinity of Witter Road, comparing existing wetlands mapping with current satellite and infrared imagery. Amy will pass along to him the resources that Ingrid suggest he read to learn the basics of wetlands mapping. Betty Kecham has offered to train him on GIS, several others present expressed an interest in that training as well. He will be invited to report back on his progress at the next CAC meeting.

The current DEC Wetlands grant program was discussed, including some possible ways to utilize the potential funding. Dee, Laure-Jeanne and Eric arranged to meet again next week to explore the application process.

Laure-Jeanne attended the last town board meeting with Dee and presented the CAC recommendation regarding the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding light and noise. The amendments were not adopted.

The topic of solar PV arrays was discussed. There will be a special town board meeting next week to discuss an amendment to the zoning ordinance dealing with large and small scale solar PV installations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM. The next CAC meeting will be July 21st, 2016.