

Attending: Eric Marczak, Nelson Kent, Amy Pokorny

Eric opened the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Housekeeping

- Nelson moved to accept the March meeting minutes, Eric seconded and the minutes were approved.

Education and Outreach

- Need to explain to the public the importance of updating the comprehensive plan.
 - Advice we've had from the Albany County Planning Board in response to proposals for zoning change to MRD, and advice from professional planners, others...
- CAC support for the planning board:
 - The CAC could appoint a member liaison to the planning board.
 - Much of the business before the planning board is lot line adjustment and solar project permit applications.
- CAC support for the building and zoning administrator/code enforcement officer:
 - Need a compassionate solution to local properties with large accumulations of junk.
 - Removal challenges – are there any social programs based on income?

Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)

- Identify water sources, threats, make a plan.
- NYS Rural Water Association – source water protection and wastewater treatment grants,
 - \$350/year for town to join
 - Eric will follow up with Anna Palmer – she knows about the Wright karst study
- DOH or DEC offers Community Technical Assistance?
- Start Knox CEA where Wright's ends

Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

Peter is compiling the most up to date and relevant maps into one resource/master compilation for the town.

- The NYS legislature mandates that each CAC maintain a collection of maps for their municipality.
 - It is our annual responsibility to review and update our maps for changes
 - We must also communicate those changes (and other matters) to the PB, ZBA, BZA, TB
- GIS Layers that would be useful:
 - A map of current land uses
 - Existing (current) population density
 - Trailer Park Locations
 - Well data (for depth and flow) layer - Use DEC Info Locator page for well information?
 - Wastewater – need a map of septic systems and identify areas where development is dense and predates zoning and health department regulations
 - Bat hibernacula (only in certain caves? Ask Northeastern Cave Conservancy.)
- Maps: Equator online mapping software has lidar information at about \$67/month for a year

Wetlands Boardwalk Restoration Project

- Eric will get 3 pieces of 6"x6"x8' PT to support the entrance ramp to the boardwalk.

Other Discussion

- Water as a precious resource: Technology is being developed to make water out of air - for arid climates and other places.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM.