

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

Eric opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Housekeeping

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

Education and Outreach

- Explain to the public the importance of updating the comprehensive plan.
 - The comprehensive plan compiles public sentiment to reflect public values, concerns.
 - We could send a letter to the editor of the Enterprise to solicit interest.
 - Develop a survey
 - Explain why it is important to respond to the survey in an introduction.
 - Publish the responses.
 - Use Survey Monkey.
 - Ask respondents to identify approximate location of residence by marked areas on a map.
 - Questions should flow.
 - Possible questions:
 - Do you want to live in natural surroundings or do you prefer to see growth and development?
 - Would you be in favor of large scale solar PV in your neighborhood?
 - Why do you live in Knox? Or why did you move to Knox?
 - How long have you lived in Knox?
 - What do you like about Knox?
 - What changes would you like to see in your immediate neighborhood in coming years?
 - Need at least 50% response.
 - Make it simple – publish instructions in the Enterprise, along with a deadline for responses.
 - Then if more responses are needed, have public meetings.
 - Then move to more creative outreach.
 - Collect email addresses from residents
 - Useful data:
 - How many people have moved to Knox since 2015? Get census data.
 - ACS American Community Survey federal annual updates have two(?) year old population statistics/estimates.
 - Measure churn using tax map information from the assessor?
 - Our population is aging.
- What safeguards do we have if our zoning ordinance is permissive, but threats exist?
- Minutes of all boards need to be posted on the town website.
 - CAC needs a website to post our minutes and to post information about our activities.
 - CAC would like to post information about topics such as geology, fossils, important resources...
- KTB facebook page's last post was April 3: TownofKnoxNYGovernment

Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)

Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

- Amy will coordinate with Peter about the map data he has gathered.

- Each map needs a narrative to explain its importance, perhaps including something like a SWOT analysis to indicate what characteristics to consider.
- Propose or emphasize the importance of following a review procedure for evaluating all projects.
- Indicate what maps to consult for some common types of development/projects.
- New national karst maps were published this week by USGS.
 - Brigitte forwarded karst data maps from the USGS to us and to Betty Ketcham.
 - Karst area seems to be all Farmington soils.
 - Albany County may have geology resource information?
- We'll want to look at aquifer studies, too.
- GIS software has instructions for application of layers.
- Ask ACDOH if they consider karst in approving septic plans, well constraints
- The CAC can offer advice on any project at any time.
- We can work with the Building and Zoning Administrator.

Wetlands Boardwalk Restoration Project

- Nelson met Chris Preville, who lives on Craven Road and is interested in helping with our work.
- Russ had a call from Jodi Brodsky, who drives two hours from the Hudson Valley to visit her daughter on Quay Road and to enjoy the boardwalk. She said mid-day is a preferable time to work on the boardwalk during nesting season.

Other Discussion

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.