

Attending: Eric Marczak, Nelson Kent, Amy Lauterbach

Eric opened the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Housekeeping

- Nelson moved to approve the May and June meeting minutes. Eric seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- We are all required to complete an annual harassment training program. Amy will send a link for online access.
- We need to recruit another member. The email blast Amy sent out last month has not returned any inquiries.
 - Amy will draft a piece for the Enterprise to report on our activities, ask for volunteers and direct people to read the meeting minutes that Traci has now posted on the town website.

Education and Outreach

- Amy will ask Brigitte to email her draft of possible survey questions to all of us for discussion at our next meeting.
- We will start preparing a request for the town board to appoint a committee to update the comprehensive plan. We'll get support from the planning board and present the reasons for its relevance and importance.

Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)

- This will wait until we have our maps in order.

Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

- Peter returned the hard copies of maps he was holding. We will schedule a separate meeting to review them with Betty Ketcham. Some of them will need to be updated.
- We will also need to ask the planning board and ZBA what kinds of maps they would find most useful.

Wetlands Boardwalk Restoration Project

- The boardwalk access ramp has been reassembled. The last steps to completing this phase of the restoration project are to disassemble the material on the observation deck and make a bench, and to remove the bottom trim and reassemble it centered post to post. The safety cables are in place.
- Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District has approved a grant for \$5,704.64 to fund materials for construction of the plank walkway from Street Road to the boardwalk and to repair the kiosk.
 - The town board has given us approval to purchase the materials.
 - The plank walkway will begin near Street Road to block vehicle access into the sedge meadow.
 - Amy will ask Russ to request help from the town to prepare the path and place the gravel (and landscape fabric) underlayment.
 - Eric and Nelson will research prices for the materials.
 - Nelson will keep track of the purchases and coordinate submissions of receipts and vouchers to Russ so direct payments to suppliers and reimbursements to us are maintained in order.
 - This grant also provides funds to repair the eroded section of Street Road that drains into the wetland.
 - Nelson will contact Russ about coordinating with Jeff Perlee for assistance with this.
- Eric will request a free site assessment from DEC. The plank walkway is considered part of the restoration.
- Nelson will plan out the turns and the ascent to the boardwalk and he will send drawings to us.
- We need to consider how to control weed growth around the kiosk so people can walk up to it.

Other Discussion

At 8:35 PM, Eric moved to adjourn, Nelson seconded and all approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is planned for 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 15.