

Attending: Eric Marczak, Amy Lauterbach, Brigitte McAuliffe (by phone)

Eric opened the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Housekeeping

- Eric moved to approve the August meeting minutes. Brigitte 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.

Education and Outreach

- Eric emailed links to information about projects in other municipalities that could be useful to us.
- He also recommended we subscribe to DEC's newsletters and bulletins.
- Amy reported that the planning board discussed researching grant opportunities that would fund hiring a contractor to update the comprehensive plan. They would ask the town board for approval.
 - Brigitte offered to look into grant opportunities and contracting companies that do this work.
 - The CAC could prepare a statement of support to follow the planning board's request to the town board.
 - How can the town board, planning board, CAC and ZBA make good decisions and work effectively representing our citizens if our comprehensive plan is 29 years old?
 - Consequences of working from an outdated comprehensive plan could be enumerated.
- Eric said he has a contact who might be able to help make the data we have gathered for the comprehensive plan searchable.

Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)

- Amy located some hydrogeologic studies that were done in Knox before computers were in common use. She will have them scanned.

Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

- Eric is reviewing information about companies that make maps.
 - The most recent tax map he could find was from 2021.
 - Eric will ask DEC if they can help us with our map inventory.
 - He will inquire about how Westchester County and Niskayuna had help with their map inventories.
 - He will ask about grant opportunities for map inventories.

Wetlands Boardwalk Restoration Project

- Eric has completed the bench in the observation deck. There a few details to finish on the rest of the boardwalk.
- Nelson is researching possible solutions to spanning the gap where water is flowing between the boardwalk and the end of the plank walkway.
- We are waiting for the highway department to deliver stone and underlayment fabric to the site and for Ray to put them in place.
- Amy will solicit help from the Thursday Naturalists and others when we are ready to begin work on the plank walkway.

Other Discussion

- Eric suggested contacting Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District to ask if they participate in any events that we might consider hosting in the spring to distribute testing kits and information about water quality issues.

At 8:02 PM, Eric moved to adjourn, Brigitte seconded and all approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is planned for 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 17.