

Attending: Eric Marczak, Nelson Kent , Amy Pokorny

Peter Farquharson had a conflicting meeting out of state and Brigitte McAuliffe was ill.

Eric opened the meeting at 7:37.

Housekeeping

- October meeting minutes will be considered for approval at the December CAC meeting.
- Brigitte reported that she has started working on the annual report.
 - We will meet on 12/15 and Amy will prepare the minutes for that meeting ASAP. A short special meeting will be called to approve those minutes so the annual report can include them and be completed by December 29.

Organizational

- Eric, Amy and Nelson will attend the Zoom call about CACs on November 30 that Peter recommended.
- Legal representation for the CAC should be independent from the town attorney.
 - We could request pro bono assistance from Albany Law School or Javid Afzali.

Education and Outreach

- We can prepare information on How to Protect Your Well
 - Put URL on town website's CAC page for DEC and Health Department information about water testing; What to test for, potable vs. non-potable...
 - Eric will send it to Amy to request Traci to post it.
- Issue to discuss with the Agricultural Advisory Council: missing farm animals possibly due to predation by coyotes or mountain lions.
 - We could prepare information on How to Mitigate Conflicts Between Wildlife and Residents/Farmers.
 - Coy dog – coyote - wolf
 - Their population is reported to be increasing.
 - Anecdotes about mountain lions also suggest an increasing population
- Define our role in transfer station operations
 - Knox is a member of the Albany County Recycling Partnership, led by Meghan Ruby of the City of Albany Department of General Services (they own the landfill on Rapp Road)
 - Knox signs on to Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMP) that she creates,
 - We can provide composting information to Knox residents
 - We can update the How to Recycle brochure

Open Space Inventory (OSI)

- We'll discuss this when Peter returns
- Marla Briggs has offered to review and help with the draft list of flora and fauna of the wetlands.

Wetlands Boardwalk Restoration Project

- Eric has been looking for materials to repair the boardwalk and found that Phillips Hardware has the lowest prices.
 - Plastic covered wire cable is \$67 for a roll of 250 feet. Two rolls would be needed to replace the middle boards of the side railings.
 - Eric will purchase the materials.
- Amy will draft a proposal for the town board to consider.
 - Nelson provided an updated drawing of the proposed plank walkway design with 2" x 4" bumper rails along each side.

- Nelson suggested driving rebar into the mud at an angle, in an X configuration, through the support members of the plank walkway to secure it from drifting out of position when the water rises.
 - A recommended stream remediation technique uses rebar to secure downed trees.
- Tasks:
 - Repair boardwalk, store salvaged material – in park maintenance building?
 - Construct plank walkway
 - Construct parking area
 - Later phase – construct structure for snowmobiles to cross culverts and bridge in park
- Progress has been made on clearing brush from the access path to the boardwalk.
 - The right (west) side of the boardwalk where the access ramp is attached needs to be disentangled from overgrown vegetation and raised to the correct height. That should bring the post on the left side back to a plumb position. A jack and some leverage may be enough for the job.
- Permits – ask DEC to come for their pre-application visit after the town board agrees to a plan and we have sketches drawn for it.
 - We will ask about the need for input from Army Corps of Engineers.
 - We will ask Matt if he has someone to provide engineering for road improvements. (John DeMis?)
- Eric will ask Matt how much material is needed for the parking area he envisions, how to stabilize it, etc.

Other Discussion

- Albany County Industrial Development Agency has authority to condemn and seize land? (Ask Brigitte)

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.