

Town of Knox
Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Date: January 19th 2017

Present: Nathan Giordano
Peter Shunney
Patricia Irwin
Dee Woessner
Kevin Sherman
Eric Kuck

Also: Betty Ketcham, Planning Board
Amy Pokorny, Town Board

Meeting opened at 7:33PM.

The CAC welcomed new members Kevin Sherman and Eric Kuck (returning).

The CAC discussed several goals for the upcoming year;

- Complete a Natural Resource Inventory for the town. Much work has been completed already, needs some updating and consolidating, this is a necessary step if the CAC is to be considered for a board conversion. The CAC would like to reach out again to Paul Richards to see about the sinkhole study he was working on at SUNY Brockport. The use of public input and data collected from trail and game cameras was discussed.

- Create a pollinator garden at Knox Town Park. Dee is interested in leading this effort as part of her master gardener certification program. Additional programs could be created around this for kids and others interested in the community.

- More education for the CAC. Presenters could be invited to CAC meetings, from DEC, Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, possibly others on topics including NRI's, habitat connectivity, what's worth preserving, etc.

The minutes from November 2016 were approved unanimously, and the minutes from December 2016 were approved unanimously.

Betty reported updates from the Planning Board regarding the proposed commercial solar installations in town.

Amy reported the TB determined CAC member terms should not exceed 2 years and that it should not exceed 9 members. The TB will restructure terms accordingly. Also, the CAC should create an annual report for the TB.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM. The next CAC meeting will be February 16th, 2017.