



TOWN OF GREENBURGH
Conservation Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Zoom Meeting hosted by Aaron Schmidt and Theresa Tori

ROLL CALL:

CAC Members Present: T. Tori, M. Sigal, S. Hernstadt, M. Beal, D. Maiello

CAC Student Members Present:

Town of Greenburgh: Aaron Schmidt, Deputy Commissioner CD & C

Town Residents: N. Drain, L. Silverstein, G. Gundlach, C. Woods (interest in CAC); M. Bodin

Applicants:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 8, 2021 – minutes approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

WETLAND/WATERCOURSE PERMIT REFERRALS:

- None

ON-GOING ITEMS -

- **Elmwood County Club** – no new discussion.
- **4 Corners Proposal** – no new discussion.
- **Excess Food for Needy Law** – no new discussion.
- **Development Process and Procedures** – no new discussion.
- **CAC Guide under Town Code and SEQR** – no new discussion.
- **SWAB (Saw Mill River Watershed Advisory Board)** – no new discussion.
- **Web Page** – no new discussion.
- **TB 19-08: Metropolis Environmental Considerations** – no new discussion.
- **Blower Law**- no new discussion.
- **Invasive Plants** - no new discussion.
- **Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)** – the CAC was updated on the most recent discussion of the proposed Town Law to regulate BESS by the Town appointed BESS review committee.
- **Environmental Recommendations for New Construction** – the NYStretch Code has been put forth as a potential model for the Town to set new construction standards so that it is more energy efficient and/or sustainable. The CAC is asking a committee look at the NYStretch Code to find out what it's about, what it includes, how does it align with the Town's current code, and does it make sense for the Town to adopt as a model or does the CAC think the Town may want to do more than the Code suggests.

The CAC discussed that in order to meet the New York State mandated requirements for a reduced reliance on fossil fuels, the Town needs to figure out now (and start as soon as possible) how to improve energy efficiency and decrease dependence on electricity and fossil fuels.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Annual Report:** The CAC reviewed the Annual Report’s summary of CAC activities for last year as prepared by Chairperson Tori. The CAC voted to approve the Annual Report.
- **GRID (Peggy Tiles Boulder Ridge):** Commissioner Garrett Duquesne worked with Sustainable Westchester to submit the Town of Greenburgh to NYSERDA for the ConEdison GRID program. If 10 Town of Greenburgh residents sign up before April 30th, the Town is eligible for a \$5000 grant. The average annual residential reimbursement from the program is \$200.
- **Pollinator Garden:** Since the Village of Tarrytown was unwilling to fund a pollinator garden, the Tarrytown CAC reached out to the Town of Greenburgh to request the Town fund some Pollinator Gardens. In response, the Town’s Department of Parks and Recreation is considering replanting some areas of Anthony Veterans Park and Harts Brook as meadows. The CAC has been invited to participate in Zoom meetings regarding their installation.

ESTABLISH DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm.