

**Town of Washington
Conservation Advisory Commission
Meeting of July 11, 2007**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Greenwood called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with the following members present:

Frank Genova
David Greenwood
Walt Jacob
Kay Johnson
Tim Marshall
Brad Roeller
Subcommittee member Howard Schuman
Dan Weller

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 6, 2007 CAC meeting were approved with the following revision: the last name of the environmental consultant retained by the Town to review the Romeo/Bancroft subdivision application was spelled incorrectly; the correct spelling is “Barber”.

III. Correspondence .

- A letter to the Town of Washington from the DEC forwarded to the CAC by Supervisor Prisco. It contained a request for information about flooding and emergency management protocol mandated by the State. The Community Assistance Contact (“CAC”) requires municipalities to designate a floodplain administrator. Supervisor Prisco requested assistance from the CAC in facilitating this process. A questionnaire dealing with the Town’s flood management guidelines and regulations, history of recent flooding, flood damage, development in floodplains, etc. must be filled out and submitted to the State DEC. Mr. Weller volunteered to review the documents for the CAC and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Schuman volunteered to assist.
- Notice of a CCEDC-sponsored stream workshop to be held on August 13, 2007 at the Farm & Home Center. Members present concurred that this would be a timely and useful workshop in light of the recent DEC request for floodplain information and the “CAC” request.
- DEC educational informational materials as part of the State-wide “Water Week, 2007”. These resources are intended to be circulated to relevant organizations, such as CAC’s.

IV. Old Business

- As noted in the June minutes, Chairman Greenwood will circulate copies of “Historical Changes in NYS Watersheds” to CAC members.

- Ms. Johnson and Chairman Greenwood met with Supervisor Prisco earlier today to discuss vacant CAC memberships. Two names came up in these discussions, IES scientist David Strayer and Subcommittee (CAC) member Howard Schuman. Supervisor Prisco requested that Chairman Greenwood write a letter of recommendation for these candidates and submit it to the Town Board for consideration. Mr. Weller recommended inviting these candidates, particularly Dr. Strayer, to an upcoming CAC meeting so members can learn a little bit more about their background and interests.
- At that same meeting the proposed zoning revisions were discussed and Chairman Greenwood noted that Supervisor Prisco shares our concern about the proposed rezoning of Washington Hollow, initiated by Mr. Robert Campbell. Supervisor Prisco gave assurance that such proposals would be given thorough review by the newly formed master planning committee.
- Chairman Greenwood briefed the members on a June 27th CCEDC-sponsored forum on the air quality of Dutchess County. Dutchess County ranks among the top counties in NYS for routinely exceeding EPA recommendations for ozone.
- Mr. Roeller provided a subcommittee report on the status of the proposed wetlands local law. Chairman Murphy has circulated the draft among targeted residents for feedback. After this group has responded, it is Councilman Murphy's intent to convene the wetlands committee and this "focus" group to see if further revision is warranted.
- Chairman Greenwood gave a subcommittee report on the historical survey of the Town noting that they were in the process of redoing the numbering system of the inventory due to the magnitude of the database (>500 buildings). The process is progressing and the subcommittee is keeping Town Assessor Hurley apprised of the progress in order to meet requests from Town residents who wish to view this information.

V. New Business

- Planning Board Liaison Genova reported on the Town Planning Board's July 3rd workshop. The only potential agenda item of interest was a special permit application by Drury to erect an 8 – 12 stall horse barn and small indoor arena on their property. Mr. Genova was impressed with the presentation and felt that this application was not of concern to the CAC as it would preserve open space and have minimal impact on the land.
- Mr. Roeller, who attended the July 3rd workshop, provided some background on a proposal by Assael to construct several buildings and amenities to their property which was undergoing simultaneous review by both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Roeller noted that at this point of the SEQRA review of this proposal, he thought that this proposal posed minimal environmental impacts to the property or neighborhood, despite its proximity to the "Millbrook Marsh".

- Mr. Genova continued with update the on the ongoing Romeo/Bancroft subdivision application, circulating a recently completed Chazen environmental study of the site and a subsequent independent review preformed by Cornerstone Associates' Mr. Barber. As there was only one CAC copy of this report, Mr. Weller agreed to review this material and report back to the CAC next month.
- Chairman Greenwood noted the receipt of a historical scrapbook, donated to the Town of Washington by Mr. John Marona. This scrapbook highlights town residents who served in the armed forces who rose above and beyond the call of duty. The Rotary Club, in partnership with the VFW, donated the newly-mounted display case in the Town Hall which houses materials from this scrapbook. This was presented to the Town at the June 12, 2007 Town Board meeting.
- Mr. Schuman updated the committee on the reconfiguration of CCEDC's GIS Lab with the hiring of Mr. Neil Curri, who replaces Interim GIS Coordinator Stacy Hoppen. CCEDC's new Environmental Program has instituted GPS training, coordinated by Mr. Curri, to compliment the on-going GIS training available to County residents. This training has real potential for CAC mapping projects.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Bradley H. Roeller
Recording Secretary