



## **Town of Washington Conservation Advisory Commission Millbrook NY**

Minutes of January 4, 2023 6:00 pm, Town Hall

**Quorum:**

*Present:* Margaret Schneible, (Chair), Lisa Conger, Howard Schuman, Shannon LaDeau, Pam Scott, David Greenwood, Walt Jacob, Elizabeth Mandy, Leslie Heaney, Town Liaison via Zoom  
*Absent:* Mike Herzog, Village Liaison

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Margaret Schneible, (Chair)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** was led by Margaret Schneible, (Chair)

**Minutes:** Margaret Schneible called to approve minutes from December 7, 2022 as corrected, she asked if there were any comments or questions, with a negative response, David Greenwood motioned and Elizabeth Mandy seconded. Motion passed to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022 as amended.

**NRI Update:** A special thank you to Michael Klemens as guest speaker who took time to review the CAC Climate Smart community plans and TOW Natural resource Inventory. Additional welcomed news of the Grant which has been now acquired by the tireless team efforts from CAC Chair, Margaret Schneible, Town Board Member, Leslie Heaney, and Town Clerk, Mary Alex.

**New Business:**

*Planning Board & ZBA updates:*

*Planning Board:*

White Rock Farm, was approved by the planning board, it does not have any wetlands for CAC to be concerned with.

Uptown Lake High School, may have a few topics that will need CAC involvement concerning lighting: glare intensity; protection from glare, light temperature. Dark Sky lighting was not included but would be included in future discussion and considerations. Wetlands have been discovered on the border with Town of Clinton to Town of Washington; the buffer zone will be addressed and reviewed. Other issues addressed were the intentions to pave impervious surfaces on the school property. Planning board will continue workshop on concerns and how they can move forward.

Howe Barn Conversion – CAC Member Pam Scott recused herself from any and all conversation & consideration on all topics pertaining to topic due her status as a neighbor.

Howe Barn Conversion – seeking a special use permit workshop for R10 district of a 1955 barn into a Bed & Breakfast. Going to ZBA for variance. May be up for public hearing or workshop or ZBA decision.

*ZBA:* White Rock Farm – looking for variance for section code 391.7, seeking a non-conforming lot larger which is allowed at 25% and are looking for up to 38% increase. Concerns were if the ZBA can allow variance to alter in place variances.

**Other topics:** Ethics training meeting set for 6pm on February 8, 2023 will take about first 30 minutes of February CAC February 8, 2023 meeting.

Chair Margaret Schneible will be absent for February meeting and ask for temporary chair, Pam Scott agreed to chair February 8, 2023 at 6pm meeting.

1/11/23 Public Meeting at 5pm on special meeting on Killlearn Road with topics relating to water runoff.

1/12/23 Public Hearing at 6pm on CPRC addendum

**Questions Comments or Concerns:** Chair Margaret Schneible addressed mapping of the zones and requested members to double check future correspondence to associated boards which will work toward resolution, adoption and instatement of mapping system.

**Next Meeting:** Schedule for Wednesday, February 8, 2023 6pm, Town Hall & Zoom

**Adjournment:** Margaret Schneible opened motion to close, Pam Scott moved and Elizabeth Mandy seconded. Motion to approve to adjourn at 7:00 pm,

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Conger

Recording Secretary