

# Town of Washington Conservation Advisory Commission Millbrook NY

Minutes of February 8, 2023 6:00 pm, Town Hall

## **Quorum:**

*Present:* Pam Scott (Interim Chair) Lisa Conger, Howard Schuman, Shannon LaDeau, David Greenwood, Walt Jacob, Leslie Heaney, Town Liaison

*Absent:* Margaret Schneible, Elizabeth Mandy, Mike Herzog, Village Liaison

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Pam Scott, (Interim Chair)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** was led by Pam Scott, (Interim Chair)

**Minutes:** Pam Scott called to approve minutes from January 4, 2023 with one additional correction; under New Business the *Howe Barn Conversion* show that she recused herself based on the purpose that she is a neighbor and under *Other Topics* a sentence style correction. She then asked if there were any additional comments or questions; with a negative response, Walt Jacob motioned with David Greenwood seconded. Motion passed to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023 as amended.

**Updated Notes:** Ethics Training Scheduled for Tonight's Meeting has been rescheduled to March 8, 2023

Department of DEC has issued a press release on grant for Natural Resource Inventory for continuing Conservation Technical Assistance for Hudson River Estuary's.

**Old Business:** *Climate Smart Community* had first meeting since CAC last met in January, there will be an organizational meeting and assessment of priorities for Town of Washington to pursue for certification.

*Mapping* - Town Board Leslie Heaney spoke of meeting in January, with Town of Clinton, Village of Millbrook, Town of Washington CAC and DEC to go over processes, calendar, schedule and review of collecting all maps for review.

## **New Business:**

*Zoning Board:* Two issues on docket;

*Daniel Yadgard* - had no environmental impact and not a concern to CAC at this time.

*Upton Lake Christian School* - Area Variance for a peaked roof on proposed high school building. Again, CAC participation or involvement not necessary at this time. Discussion has not yet evolved to lighting for CAC, although their engineer seems to be taking this into consideration as well as filing of wetland application and proper buffers.

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CAC members were asked to work on laundry list of zoning code updates, including clearer verbiage and bring in by March or April Meeting. These suggestions will be addressed and reviewed as the Town moves forward with implementing overall changes over the next 4-6 months.

Clear cutting was observed at 1033 Chestnut Ridge Road and zoning administrator needed to check out pond as no known applications have been filed or approved as of this meeting.

A member of the public brought to our attention the possibility of limestone caves on the Migdale property - if accurate, any new application for building expansion on property could require further investigation.

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

**Questions Comments or Concerns:** None were brought forward

**Next Meeting:** Schedule for Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6pm

**Adjournment:** Pam Scott opened motion to close, Howard Schuman moved and Shannon LaDeau seconded. Motion to approve to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Conger  
Recording Secretary