

TOWN OF WASHINGTON CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION, Millbrook, NY

No meetings held in January or February, 2021

Minutes of March 3, 2021 7:30 PM Quorum via Zoom: David Greenwood (Chair), Howard Schuman, John Askildsen, Ron Galente; and Walt Jacob by phone. Millbrook Village Liaison, Mike Herzog, present via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Committee Chair, David Greenwood

Committee Business:

Chair Greenwood announced that CAC Committee member Tim Marshall has stepped down. He thanked Tim for his time in service on the CAC. A replacement member will be sought.

Chair Greenwood requested and received committee approval of the CAC 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Directory Information for Cornell Cooperative Extension, to be submitted by March 5.

CAC Storage Space:

Chair Greenwood reports that due to COVID space constraints, the CAC no longer has an assigned office in Town Hall; documents have been moved to the lowest level of the Washington Town Hall.

Zoom link:

Chair Greenwood reports that as of this March 3, 2021 meeting and until the committee can resume in-person meetings, all CAC Zoom meetings will be conducted via the town's official Zoom portal, and will be recorded and accessible for viewing.

Minutes/Town Webpage Update:

To date, CAC Minutes through September 2020 have been posted on the Town CAC website and corrections to the CAC member roster have been provided to Town Clerk Mary Alex for posting. CAC member Askildsen reports that the Town Clerk has promised to post additional documentation as soon as her schedule allows.

Town Board Activity:

Following a special Town Board meeting on February 25, the Washington Town Board has distributed a referral to the CAC regarding its Declaration for "Lead Agency" status as it concerns a petition for a "Special Overlay District" submitted by Janet's Farm, LLC, Second Mountain. After some discussion, there was a unanimous vote by the CAC in favor of declining any offer to be "Lead Agency", and a 4-1 vote in favor of designating the Town Board as lead agency. Member Howard Schuman requested that it be entered into the minutes that he is only in favor of declining the CAC's option on "lead agency", and not in favor of designating the town board as lead agency.

CAC Member Howard Schuman stated that his research indicates that the entire petition and application comes into direct conflict with the town's 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Further, after briefly stating where those conflicts lie, CAC Member Howard Schuman requested that a document he created, which outlines fully where and how the Janet Farms, LLC Second Mountain petition and application is in direct

Conflict with the town's Comprehensive Plan, be attached to these Minutes. The request was granted. (Please reference to the attachment for additional information).

Planning Board Activity (cont.):

CAC Member Howard Schuman reported on the Planning Board March 2 meeting. Bontecou Shunpike subdivision is on hold. Dabbs Hammond Hill submission does not involve the CAC.

Mabbettsville Realty Site Plan (Mobil Station):

The application submitted to the Planning Board includes an electronic (LED) illuminated sign displaying gas prices. It was noted by CAC Member Howard Schuman that "neon signs" or signs of a similar technology and style are not permitted in the town code for this Rte 44, Mabbettsville location. After further discussion that this issue was not within the purview of the CAC, the discussion was closed.

Chatillon Realty Woodstock Road discussion concerned plans to re-adapt a former mined site to create a nature preserve, including a pond. The CAC will monitor the project when it moves forward.

Chair Greenwood announced that the next CAC meeting would be April 7, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Askildsen

(Revised with corrections as approved by the CAC on 04/07/21)