

Town of North Salem
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Time: 6:30PM

In person at Ruth Keeler Memorial Library
Or

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/7558828866> Meeting ID: 755 882 8866, Dial in: +1 929 205-6099

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Call to order

Approval of February 2024 minutes

Discussion items:

1. Easements mapping:
 - a. <https://wcfgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=83b9794bab184208beee174b4331cfa7>
 - i. Andrea G. has installed GAIA tool on her phone, Andrew Middlebrook of NSOLF helped to train.
 - b. Letters to 230 & 236 Hardscrabble residents for inspections sent 2x, only response from 230, proceeding with inspections for both on March 14 at 11AM
 - c. Bossi easement inspection completed in January, issued follow-up to Cynthia Curtis & PB, with thoughts & rec's to remediate clear cutting in front of Peach Lake.
2. Tree Ordinance/Tree Communications Plan – postcard and Q&A reviewed with Cynthia and James D. , approved & posted on Building Dept; email send out to Town list by Cynthia C., posters out & up at local PO's, picked up by NS News & NS Post; two outstanding responses required – Virginia T., Virginia C., and Couri L.
3. Discuss next project & steps “Healthy Backyards” who will do what? Goals? Etc.? Earth Day? Library Fair tree saplings? Other?
4. Greenburgh Tree Ordinance – review & compare with NS Tree Ord. – make rec's to Planning Board – Couri to provide update

Attended or upcoming:

5. 03/14/2024 – CAC easement inspections at Hidden Pond
6. 03/17/2024, 658 Grant Road Site Visit for 2-lot division. Enter the driveway to the existing house and walk west to the new, proposed lot. Virginia and Couri attending. All welcome.
7. 03/20/2024 Invasive Workshop, free, all welcome, see email for registration.
8. 03/26/2024 from 8:45am-12:30pm The Westchester County Soil & Water Conservation District in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension is hosting a **FREE virtual Pond & Lake Management Workshop**. Landscape Architecture (LA) credits are available.
9. 04/08/2024 and 04/22/2024. The [Westchester County Association](#) and Pace University's [Land Use Law Center](#) will be bringing the award-winning [Land Use Leadership Alliance \(LULA\) training program](#) to municipalities in the spring of 2024. The LULA program will be held from **9:00 AM-3:00 PM on April 8 and April 22** at the Judicial Institute at Pace School of Law in White Plains. The content for this training will focus specifically on land use, watershed protection, resiliency, sustainability, and collaborating with conservation advisory/sustainability committees. Andrea G. will attend with two Town Board Members.
10. 04/10/2024 Town Planning Board Meeting at 7:30PM, 66 June Road.

Active sites/programs for updates as needed (CAC has received docs via email):

1. APC Group – Armentano – 3 lot subdivision, 3 Hardscrabble, MDRA Memo issued 09/05/2023
2. McGing, 113 Mills Road, Chapter 89/189 Permit request received August 13 – work completed in 2020 – memo received, pending court; Hahn Memo received Oct 2023; INSPECTION CANCELLED
3. Morth Subdivision – pre-application – 324 Hardscrabble Road – on hold
4. 2-Lot Subdiv. 234 Hawley Rd, Hahn & MDRA Review Memos recv'd 12/30/2023. **(per Ms. Curtis, this is going to move ahead)**
5. 3-Lot Subdivision “Hawley Woods” – MDRA & Hahn Memo recv'd by the CAC 01/30/2023; pending legal doc. **(per Ms. Curtis, this is a private road that turns into a private driveway to serve three lots. Waiting for legal documents from the applicant)**
6. Bossi – 4 Brookside Lane – Violation No. 23-07 – Violation of Conservation Easement Conditions.

Cell Towers:

- a) Bloomer Road Tower – T-Mobile NE LLC – MDRA Review Memo and Draft Resolution.
- b) NY SMSA Ltd Partnership dba Verizon Wireless – exemption – Sun Valley Drive Tower. No report from Ron Graiff as the Propagation Maps were not submitted.
- c) Hammond Museum Tower – June Road – Homeland Towers - ongoing

Next Meeting: April 10, 2024

2024 Priorities

The CAC advises the Town Board on environmental matters and serves as an advocate for the environment. The CAC reviews all wetland and land disturbance applications as well as all subdivisions and site plan applications before the Planning Board.

- a. Further develop collaboration with the NS Planning Board
- b. Continue Environmental Advocacy & Education, e.g. CAC "Did You Know?" Postcard, native plantings.
- c. Schedule and plan for inspections of all easements over [3] year rolling time frame