

Town of North Salem
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, May 8, 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 April 2024 minutes

Discussion items:

1. Easements mapping:
 - a. <https://wcfgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=83b9794bab184208beee174b4331cfa7>
 - i. Andrea Good has installed GAIA tool on her phone, Andrew Middlebrook will train
 - b. Completed and approved all Hidden Pond – 230, 236, 240 Hardscrabble; final letter sent to residents to inform them of results. Virginia/Jennifer
 - c. Schedule remaining easements – Virginia/Andrea/Cour
 - d. Bossi easement inspection completed in January – Planning Board Agenda ongoing; CAC issued followed up to Cynthia Curtis, Planning Board with thoughts and recommendations to remediate clear cutting in front of Peach Lake
2. Tree Ordinance/Tree Communications Plan – continue communication and education with presence at RKML Annual Fair May 11, 2024 102:
 - a. Info packet on invasives and what to look for with photos – Virginia T.
 - b. Poster board or other with real invasives to use to educate people on what to look for – Virginia T.
 - c. Poster on invasives vs natives (Holly to send 8x11 versions of each poster to Jennifer S. to make copies for the fair).
 - d. Poster board on invasives with actual cuttings e.g. barberry, etc and share why they are so bad e.g. ticks, etc
 - e. Saplings hand out of natives to spread throughout the community with QR code on how to plant and care for – Andrea
 - f. Fair coverage:
 - i. 9:30-11: Virginia Tait
 - ii. 11-12 Rob W.
 - iii. 12-1 Couri L.
 - iv. 1-2 Holly Thompson
 - v. Note: Virginia C. will provide table and chair and bring CAC sign and other materials
3. Discuss next project and steps “Healthy Backyards” – All – discuss after RKML Fair what would like to accomplish in this area
4. NS Tree Ordinance – review and make suggested edits to the Planning Board to make simpler and clearer for residents – Virginia and Coury - others interested?

Attended or upcoming:

1. 05/01/2024 Town Planning Board Meeting at 7:30PM, June Road
2. 05/11/2024 RKML Fair – CAC will participate with a community table
3. ONGOING roadside trash pickup – pick up bags and gear at the RKML

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 Subdivision 234 Hawley Road Hahn and MDRA Review Memos received 12/30/2023. *(per Ms. Curtis, this is going to move ahead)*
5. 3-Lot Subdivision “Hawley Woods” – MDRA and Hahn Memo received 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: June 12, 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 and 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