

Town of North Salem
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 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 2023 minutes

Discussion items:

1. Cynthia Curtis and Nick Xatzis:
 - a. **Conservation Easement Mapping** - the draft of our local conservation easements mapping is up
here: <https://wcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=83b9794bab184208beee174b4331cfa7>
Note: Cherry Hill (Salem Chase) is up yet as I sent the final info to the County just last week. But we can test the others in the field now. Cynthia will be one of the presenters at the County's GIS workshop on the 18th of
May: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b4dbef303db647058b71bf30b6feda32>
 - b. **Educational-type program concerning how to best take care of our soil.** Given all the agricultural uses in our town and all the residential lots with lawns, it may be something the CAC would like to team up on. He forwarded this on Regenerative Agriculture:
<https://youtu.be/V6m-XlPnqxl>
 - c. Note: see what we already have on our town website, first few bullets, related to best management practices and guidelines for lawn care, phosphorus reduction, maintaining landscapes, etc.:
<https://www.northsalemny.org/supervisor/pages/ms4-stormwater-information>
2. Pollinator Pathway Resolution passed! Next steps - Andrea
3. Tree Ordinance/Tree Communications Plan – Pam, Virginia, Steve, Edris
4. Easements – Virginia
5. NS Climate Smart – Holly and Pam

Attended or upcoming:

6. 04/17/2023 Teatown Environment Training Conference (Andrea, Edris, Virginia)
7. 4/22/2023 Earth Day – CAC help with NSIS roadside clean-up
8. 4/25/2023 Town Board Meeting CAC on agenda for Pollinator Pathway resolution
9. 05/17/2023 Planning Board meeting. The Lighting & Landscaping Code Amendments will be discussed again.
10. ~~4/21/2023~~ Now 06/23/2023 CSC Tour of Taylor Reed Materials Recovery Facility

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

1. Morth Subdivision – pre-application – 324 Hardscrabble Road
2. 113 Mills Road – Chapter 89/189 Permit Application (site visit 8/11/2022)
3. 509 Route 22 – Graiff Memo issued 8/31/2022
4. Little Mountain Road – Hahn and MDRA issued; Adopted Planning Board Resolution of Approval and note Conditions remain to be addressed. Final Plans will be circulated at a later date.

5. Lorusso/Castillo – 26 Whittier Hills Drive – Chapter 89 – Fill Permit Application submitted – Hahn Review Memo received; ongoing
6. DiMaio – 28 Whittier Hills Drive – Hahn and MDRA Review Memo’s received 12/6/2022; Chapter 89/189 Permit Application; soil sample report; on June 7th agenda
7. 2-Lot Subdivision 234 Hawley Road Hahn and MDRA Review Memos received 5/2/23
8. 3-Lot Subdivision “Hawley Woods” – MDRA and Hahn Memo received by the CAC 01/30/2023
9. VOX - . It is a Pre-Application for a Site Plan Waiver in regards to a pergola and awning.
10. Cell Towers:
 - a. Bloomer Road Tower – T-Mobile NE LLC – MDRA Memo and Graiff Report issued 09/22; final plans to be circulated; Dish wireless collocation MDRA Review Memo and Draft Resolution.
 - a. T Mobile Northeast – Delancey Road Tower – collocation
 - b. NY SMSA Ltd Partnership dba Verizon Wireless – exemption – Sun Valley Drive Tower. We will not be receiving a Report from Ron Graiff as the Propagation Maps were not submitted.
 - c. Hammond Museum Tower – June Road – Homeland Towers

Next Meeting: June 14, 2023 (second Wednesday)

2023 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.

1. Further develop collaboration with the NS Planning Board
2. Continue Environmental Advocacy and Education e.g. CAC “Did You Know?” Postcard, native plantings)
3. Schedule and plan for inspections of all easements over [3] year rolling time frame
4. Maintenance plan for CAC Plantings (Purdy’s, RKML, June/Hardscrabble)
5. Add a CAC Junior Member