

Town of North Salem
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, February 14, 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 January 2024 minutes

Discussion items:

1. Easements mapping:
 - a. <https://wcfgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=83b9794bab184208beee174b4331cfa7>; need to install GAIA on our phones, Andrew Middlebrook will train
 - b. Letters to 230 and 236 Hardscrabble residents for inspections this week, no responses, issued follow up 12/11/2023, 230 okay; 244 Hardscrabble inspection presented and approved by the Building Department; need to schedule – Virginia and Andrea
2. Tree Ordinance/Tree Communications Plan – postcard and Q&A reviewed with Cynthia and James D. , approved and posted on Building Dept; posters out and up at local PO's, picked up by NS News and NS Post – generated some responses – still some outstanding responses required – Virginia T., Virginia C. and Couri
3. Discuss next project and steps “Healthy Backyards” – All – who will do what? Goals? Etc??
4. Greenburg Tree Ordinance – review and compare with NS Tree Ordinance – make recommendations to Planning Board – Couri

Attended or upcoming:

5. 01/28/2024 at 3PM at RKML via ZOOM, April M. Beisaw, Taking Our Water for the City: Archeology of New York City's Watershed Communities 1st Edition, April
6. 02/06/2024 Planning Board Meeting 7:30PM, 66 June Road, NS
7. 03/20/2024 Invasive Workshop, free, all welcome, see email for registration
8. Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) Training Program. 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.**
9. Week of TBD easement inspections – Andrea will represent the CAC at this training along with two Town Board Members

Active Sites:

1. Bossi – MDRA received 02/05/2024; CAC completed inspection of disturbed area in January and sent Cynthia findings and recommendations
2. Grant Road, 2 lot subdivision, plan sheets distributed, HAHN and MDRA received 2/5/2024
3. APC Group – Armentano – 3 lot subdivision, 3 Hardscrabble, MDRA Memo issued 09/05/2023

4. 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
5. Morth Subdivision – pre-application – 324 Hardscrabble Road – on hold
6. Lorusso/Castillo – 26 Whittier Hills Drive – Chapter 89 – Fill Permit Application submitted – Hahn Review Memo received; open
7. DiMaio – 28 Whittier Hills Drive – Hahn and MDRA Review Memo’s received 12/6/2022; Chapter 89/189 Permit Application; soil sample report; open
8. 2-Lot Subdivision 234 Hawley Road Hahn and MDRA Review Memos received updated 02/05/2024
9. 3-Lot Subdivision “Hawley Woods” – MDRA and Hahn Memo received by the CAC 01/30/2023; pending legal docs

Cell Towers:

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

Next Meeting: March 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