

**Town of North Salem**  
**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 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 March 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. Completed and approved all Hidden Pond – 230, 236, 240 Hardscrabble; need to send final letter to residents to inform them of results. Virginia
  - c. Schedule remaining easements – Virginia/Andrea/Couri
  - d. Bossi easement inspection completed in January – Planning Board Agenda April 10 (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: (Note: Virginia C. will provide table and chair and bring CAC sign and other materials)
    - i. 9:30-11: Virginia Tait
    - ii. 11-12 Rob W.
    - iii. 12-1 Couri L.
    - iv. 1-2 Holly Thompson
3. Discuss next project and steps “Healthy Backyards” – All – discuss after RKML Fair what would like to accomplish in this area
4. Greenburg Tree Ordinance – review and compare with NS Tree Ordinance – make recommendations to PB – (Couri provided update and sent to Martin A.)

**Attended or upcoming:**

5. 03/14/2024 – CAC easement inspections at Hidden Pond - DONE
6. 03/17/2024, 658 Grant Road Site Visit for 2-lot division – DONE – Virginia and Couri attended and will update CAC.
7. 03/20/2024 Invasive Workshop, free, all welcome, see email for registration – Andrea update?
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. Rob update?
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 Good will attend along with two Town Board Members Andrea update?
10. 04/10/2024 Town Planning Board Meeting at 7:30PM, June Road
11. 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 CANCELED
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: May 8, 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