

Town of North Salem
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, November 8th, 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 October 2023 minutes

Discussion items:

1. Administrative:
 - a. Introduce new member: Robert Wasp;
 - b. Update on CAC, NSIS, CSC 11/5/2023
 - c. Update on Federated Conservationist of Westchester - Virginia
2. Easements mapping:
 - a. <https://wcfgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=83b9794bab184208beee174b4331cfa7>
 - b. First inspection completed 07/14/2023 at 244 Hardscrabble Road "Hidden Pond"; met with NSOLF on 10/3/2023 and submitted to Building Dept - Virginia
3. Pollinator Pathway Resolution passed! Andrea working to add photo to the national PP map - Andrea
4. Tree Ordinance/Tree Communications Plan – postcard and Q&A reviewed with Cynthia and James D. Upon confirmation of approval will post – Holly, Edris, Virginia
5. NS Climate Smart – Holly, Pam and Edris
6. Bamboo Banning Law – Greenburg Jul 13, 2023 – next project after trees to focus on invasives e.g. bamboo, barberry, etc. to increase awareness

Attended or upcoming:

7. 10/18/2023 NS Planning Board 7:30PM
8. 10/24/2023 Federated Conservationist of Westshester
9. 11/5/2023 CAC, NSHS, NSIS, CS Nov Meeting "jam session" planning with Cynthia Curtis and Katherine Daniels
10. 11/15/2023 – Planning Board

Active Sites:

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. Lorusso/Castillo – 26 Whittier Hills Drive – Chapter 89 – Fill Permit Application submitted – Hahn Review Memo received; in litigation
5. DiMaio – 28 Whittier Hills Drive – Hahn and MDRA Review Memo's received 12/6/2022; Chapter 89/189 Permit Application; soil sample report; in litigation
6. 2-Lot Subdivision 234 Hawley Road Hahn and MDRA Review Memos received 5/2/23
7. 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: December 13, 2023

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.

- 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
- d. Maintenance plan for CAC Plantings (Purdy's, RKML, June/Hardscrabble)
- e. Add a CAC Junior Member