

**Conservation Advisory Council, Town of New Lebanon**  
**Minutes for monthly meeting**  
**December 8, 2025**

**Present:** CAC members: Bob Gilson, Donald Lamonaca, Peg Munves, Bill O'Neill, Steve Powers, Bruce Shenker

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M. The November minutes were approved as presented.

**Wastewater Feasibility Study:** Peg said that we are going to be moving the wastewater study to the CAC. The joint committee was great for getting the project off the ground. This is a water quality issue & it's better to have the CAC oversee it. We still don't have the feasibility study. We are getting cost estimates with and without Tilden, people should know what it's going to cost, even though Tilden is not approved. We are going to focus on outreach and education to those stakeholders in the commercial district. We will research (water sic.) district formation legalities and will present our findings to the Town Board.

**Water Testing:** Donald said that 6 houses are scheduled to be tested. There is concern about water near the Country Squire because of gravel mining nearby. We don't know a lot, but when gravel is mined, heavy metals get brought to the surface. The more we work on this, the more we learn from locals who have lived here longer. After 3 years, we are starting to uncover the real problems.

**Drinking Water Source Protection Plan:** The Drinking Water Quality Council is meeting next week, and they are going to be looking at their PFAF levels. I would like you all to sign this letter.

**Tilden Commons:** The SEQR is not done. The project team have made all sorts of changes requested by the Panning Board. They have moved their wastewater to the back of the property. There is quite a lot of antipathy about both this project and water treatment. We have been trying to keep Town wastewater separate, but it makes sense to bring it in with Tilden, and at least share the cost of ww both with and without Tilden.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M. The next CAC Meeting is scheduled for January 12 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

*Respectfully submitted by Robert Gilson*