

Minutes for CAC Meeting April 6, 2026

Members attending Bruce Shenker, Peg Munves, Donald Lamonaca, Bill O'Neill

Visitors from the public : Amy Brueckmann, Bonnie Lichak

Peg called meeting to order at 5:01

March minutes were approved. Motion Donald, Second Peg

Update on Meeting with Rec committee March 28

Peg met with committee in the park and agreed to Joe Dwileski/Joanne Amlaw plan to move 10-12 plants when weather is appropriate

Doug Godley will water moved plants – he has been caring for all the plants since the project inception

Rec committee agreed to take on and manage maintenance as we transition to CAC doing less work in park; CAC members will still help but will not be the lead on plants

DWSP2

LVCC meeting in mid April and will discuss our ask to help us raise money for testing funding

4 water tests this week, one in Springs downgrade of spill found no indication of fuel oil

Input from Alyssa at NYS DOH following up on last month's discussion:

- **Stream Assessments:** NYSDOH submitted a NYSDEC site solicitation form to request stream assessments of Kinderhook and Wyomanock Creeks, as well as Shaker Swamp. This form does not guarantee site selection; however, New Lebanon is close to priority watersheds for the 2026 round. NYSDOH will keep the CAC updated as they hear more.
- **Agricultural Environmental Management:** NYSDOH and New Lebanon CAC to meet with Columbia County Soil and Water District (CCSWCD) to discuss the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Program: <https://www.ccswcd.org/agricultural-programs.html>. Meeting with Michaela Johnstone from CCSWCD tomorrow 4/8 at 11 am to learn more about the county's approach to agricultural runoff in streams and learn if the CAC can utilize this for DWSP2.. Any members from the CAC are welcome to join the call, DOH or Peg can forward the invite.
- **Private Septic Inventory:** NYSDOH has been in contact with Columbia County Health and Real Property to consolidate data for a private septic inventory. Note there are no public sewer systems in the town, but we are looking to identify older homes on private septic as a potential threat to the watershed. NYSDOH is looking to talk further with county health since they seem to be working on something similar at their office.

Waste Water

Received outside legal counsel confirming that opt out of district at no cost is allowed; this has been one of the legal issues that has held this process up

Engineer's Feasibility Study ready soon, we hope by April 28 but no guarantees

Room Enough for Both Report

CAC unanimously decided to pursue recommendation for CEA for Shaker Swamp and Knob and Bog

Peg will prepare a proposal for town board to approve investigation of the process

Bruce, Donald, Peg will form subcommittee to move forward if town board says yes

OSI

Bruce and Peg to reach out to Bob Gilson and come up with plan to continue this update

Currently no Money for digital maps

MISCELLANEOUS

Comp Plan Survey had 274 returns

SEQR training on line at 6:30 April 9, or in person at Columbia-Green Community College

Donald motion to adjourn at 5:37, Peg 2nd – all in favor