

Minutes for CAC Meeting May 4 , 2026

Members attending Bruce Shenker, Peg Munves, Donald Lamonaca, Bill O'Neill, Sarah Latifa, Steve Powers

Also attending Brenda Adams, Supervisor Town of Canaan

Visitors from the public: Amy Brueckmann, Bonnie Lichak

Peg M called meeting to order at 5:01

April minutes were approved. Motion Steve P, Second Donald L

Update on Park

PegM has worked extensively to remove tubes from trees and stake where necessary

CAC and Rec committee will handle weed whacking, volunteers needed

CEA for Bog and the Knob

High point on Knob is in Canaan so will be a joint effort with Canaan. Brenda Adams, supervisor of Canaan attended and raised relevant questions.

3 landowners involved, Gerety/Moore own the bulk of the land, Rattoballi owns a slice and Resnick (sp) owns the Knob

Bruce S will send out details of properties to CAC and Brenda A

Landowners will be contacted over next 2 months with sample letter given to Brenda A to contact Canaan resident Resnick

Bruce S will look up previous CEAs to use as a model

Gretchen Stephens has offered to review

DWSP2

NYSDOH has possibility of free sampling of streams

Earth Justice interested in our water study and water testing, will meet with them (Earthjustice is the premier nonprofit public interest environmental law organization. “We wield the power of law and the strength of partnership to protect people’s health, to preserve magnificent places and wildlife, to advance clean energy, and to combat climate change.”)

Running low on funds for water testing, no obvious new source of funds; we continue exploring getting financial assistance with testing with the NYSDOH DWSP2 expert

Waste Water

Feasibility study ready soon; working with a new lawyer on district formation and presenting this to the Town board at the May Town Board meeting

SEQR Training

PM attended and said worthwhile – slide deck available online, PM sent out link; no recorded audio

OSI

No new action yet, will try to meet with Robert Gilson in June to plan – we want to include this in the new COMP PLAN UPDATE

No Money for digital maps currently

EDUCATION Outreach for NL Summer Campers

2 programs for summer camp

- Sharon Audubon Birds of Prey tentatively July 23
- Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation with Leanna O’Grady July 28

Sarah L will approach High school environmental club/class and summer camp to do a program on replacing invasives with native plants

ZRC - COMP PLAN

We are looking over 2021 Goals to update status and thinking about what CAC might bring to the committee to include for new update and future goals

MISCELLANEOUS

Investigate 3rd Act proposals to slow down Data Centers expanding to area – bring to ZRC

Steve P and Donald L attended Leadership Alliance Flood Resilience Network program

Brenda A reported on \$700k grant for Canaan through Trout Unlimited for culvert replacement

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Steve P motion to adjourn at 6:08 approved unanimously