

Minutes of the **Sept. 6, 2023 CAC Meeting**

Present: Kristen Schara, Andrew Shapiro, Greg Tetrault, Karen Gill, Erin Nylen, Joan Paccione

Discussions:

1. We have a Google account and will conduct our meetings both in person and via Google Meets. Therefore, it will make it easier for any members who cannot attend personally to still participate and for any citizens who might want to attend.
2. Minutes of the July meeting were approved.
3. We reviewed the questions for the Comp Plan and will submit them to Melinda and Bonnie.
4. Greg presented a proposed site map of the Woodstock National Golf/housing plan as presented to the Woodstock planning board which specifies a community wastewater treatment area is on the southern edge of the property. This treatment area abuts Sawkill Creek on three sides and is immediately upstream of the City of Kingston's drinking water filtration facility. The major issue identified is that the entire wastewater treatment area is a FEMA designated Zone AE specific flood hazard area. Thus a flooding of Sawkill Creek would allow unfiltered wastewater from Woodstock National to be released downstream, directly impacting the City of Kingston water supply, downstream communities and the environment. The CAC would like to send a letter in opposition to the proposed development. Joan will speak with Melinda regarding this.
5. We discussed the projects that we will work on this coming year. Most are dependent on receiving the NRI grant we applied for. If that does not pan out, we will attempt to write our own NRI with other resources. Then we will proceed with the following:
 - a. Review and produce new aquifer protection plans
 - b. Tree and forest maintenance plans
 - c. Assist with zoning
 - d. Work on a preservation fund
 - e. Continue support of Climate Smart
6. Andy said that the State has money for establishing EV charging stations in communities. Greg brought up that Central Hudson does not have the infrastructure capacity to provide power to the stations. We discussed contacting Central Hudson as to what may be feasible and also get Melinda behind the discussion with Central Hudson.
7. Climate Smart - There is a new initiative in Ulster County for a cohort of towns to encourage community solar accounts, purchase of ev's and the installation of heat pumps for municipalities and non-profits. Partners for Climate Action Foundation have

decarbonization grants for these entities. The properties must be owned by the municipality and non-profit.

8. EMC had a presentation by Taylor BioMass Energy. They provide an organic wastewater recovery closed water system that heats water. Ulster County is doing a reuse center.

Next Meeting is Nov.1.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joan Paccione