

Conservation Advisory Council 6/15/16 Meeting Minutes

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#1 Approval of 5/18/16 minutes. They will be posted on the Town's website under CAC.

#2 Discussion of draft to ban oil/gas wastes and high-impact industrial uses:

- The CAC had some questions regarding the draft and will share them with the town board at their 7/14 meeting. They include (1) Would the draft have any impact on the proposed cheese factory? In other words, will the cheese factory be considered an agricultural use or activity? (2) Would the draft's high-impact truck traffic definitions (more than 20 one-way high-impact truck trips to or from the site during any twenty-four hour period, etc.) have any repercussions for the cheese factory trucking or other current businesses? (3) What is the projected number of truck trips for the cheese factory?
- Other than those questions the CAC group had a favorable impression of the draft and will convey that to the board.
- There were additional concerns and questions from a townspeople regarding large solar panel fields in the Town of York. As we didn't feel adequately prepared to deal with this issue we recommended the townspeople bring this issue up at the next town board meeting.

#3 Old Business

- a. Green burials research continues and will be shared with the town board when completed.
- b. Disappearance of hedgerows/loss of habitat may be included in a presentation/roundtable discussion with forester Steve Schiano possibly at our next meeting date of July 20 at 7:30. (preceded by a CAC meeting at 7:00). Confirmation of this soon. Anne will look into securing a hedgerow "expert" to add to the research in this area. I have also contacted the Cornell Cooperative Extension and asked for information regarding this issue or if they could send someone to our next meeting to help us with our research.
- c. Stream water quality (WAVE) testing to begin July 1. Sites are being determined and if anyone is interesting in having their stream tested please contact me.
- d. Discussions have started with Bob Torzynski of the Genesee Transportation Council regarding how best to get the Little Italy Trail project underway.
- e. Zombie houses research pending

Respectively submitted,
Dave Nagel

Updates since the 6/15 CAC meeting:

6/16/16 County Planning Department meeting summary: This was a Steering Committee meeting to assess the scope for the Greigsville Transportation Safety & Access Improvement Plan. The Little Italy Trail was included in this plan. Their next meeting is 7/21/16.