

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 20, 2015**  
**Delancey Hall**

**Members Present:**           Lori Tripoli, Co-Chair  
                                  Pam Pooley, Co-Chair  
                                  Nancy Welo  
                                  Alan Towers

**Member Absent:**           Janine Selendy

**Also Present:**             Janice Will, Secretary

Co-chairperson Lori Tripoli opened the meeting.

Minutes of March meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved.

2015 Keeler Library collaboration

Lori Tripoli stated that she put together a list of links to the Town website, CAC Facebook page, etc. to offer to people at the Library fair.

Pam Pooley suggested that she could print the list on a postcard-size card with other CAC information and have 50 or 100 printed up commercially. She remarked that a postcard-size card could be offered.

Alan Towers recommended including more information to make the cards more worthwhile.

Ms. Tripoli read from her notes for the text that the CAC is also working on invasive species-removal and noise.

Mr. Towers asked why someone would want to contact the CAC; if they want to help people solve problems, they should tell them what problems they can solve.

Ms. Pooley was not sure the CAC should want to do that or if it is even their job. She thought perhaps she would just put some CAC information and the links on a page/poster to display.

Ms. Tripoli thought that people interested in the links should have something to take away.

Mr. Towers asked for the date/hours of the fair.

Ms. Pooley stated that it will be on Saturday, May 9 from 10 am to 2 pm. She thought the CAC members could take different shifts to cover their table, although she was planning to be there for the whole time (as was Ms. Tripoli).

Nancy Welo arrived at this time.

Ms. Pooley suggested some CAC members should plan to be at the Library by 9:30 to set up. She also agreed to check and see if the Library has a table the CAC may use.

Ms. Pooley thought they should have a sign so people will know what their table is/who they are.

Ms. Tripoli reiterated her interest in producing a card or flyer for people to take with them, and Nancy Welo thought this was a good idea also.

Ms. Pooley offered to put an outdoor scene on one side of a card.

It was agreed that postcard-size would be better than business card-size.

Ms. Tripoli noted that the CAC will have a sign and seeds/storm-water posters to give away.

Ms. Pooley passed around a hand-out produced by the Audubon Society, and Mr. Towers asked if she could get more to hand out at the fair.

Ms. Tripoli stated that her husband (an arborist) will talk about planting and care of trees.

Mr. Towers asked how people will know about speakers.

Ms. Pooley wondered if they should have an agenda with times, but then also remarked that she can get information included in the Library's blast e-mail. She added that she would be willing to conduct a Q & A session on invasive species.

Mr. Towers thought the CAC's information in the blast should include the time when speakers will present.

Ms. Welo cautioned against having a speaker at 10 when the fair first opens; the parking lot is very crowded and people are rushing around to buy plants.

Ms. Tripoli said her husband might have to work in the morning, so 1 pm would be a good time for him.

Ms. Pooley said then she would do her segment from 11 to 12.

*Replacing invasive plants with native species from 11-12; tree care and planting from 1-2.*

Ms. Welo showed the others some hand-outs she had about composting and invasive species.

Mr. Towers thought the CAC should ask the head gardener from the Farmer & the Fish to talk about gardening, but Ms. Welo said the North Salem garden group will probably be at the fair/they would have information about gardening.

Ms. Welo said she went on a tour of the Farmer & the Fish garden which was informative.

Mr. Towers asked if Ms. Welo heard anything on her tour that might be appropriate for the CAC table, adding that information about vegetable-gardening would be interesting.

Ms. Pooley thought it would be interesting, but somewhat outside the purview of the CAC.

Ms. Welo pointed out that there is already a North Salem garden club/group who would do that sort of thing. She thought they should stick to topics appropriate for the CAC and not try to get into too many different things.

Mr. Towers remarked that he should ask the gardener to speak about something specific.

Ms. Welo commented that gardening is easier to show people than to explain about, and she also thought it unlikely that the gardener would be available on a Saturday.

Ms. Pooley asked if anyone from the North Salem community garden will be at the Library fair. She said Mr. Towers should go ahead and ask the Farmer & the Fish gardener if he will speak and suggested that composting would be a good topic. She asked Mr. Towers to let her know what he says so she can ask to have it included in the Library's blast.

Ms. Tripoli suggested vegetable-gardening be added to the gardener's talk.

Ms. Pooley commented that even if the gardener does not come to speak, the CAC has information from Ms. Welo about composting.

Ms. Welo said people need something written down even if there is a speaker.

Ms. Tripoli noted that they also have recycling stickers.

Ms. Pooley asked the others if they want to have a display of what goes into single-stream recycling.

Ms. Welo said she already has that information. She showed the others a three-sided display board that she brought and said it was for the CAC to use at the fair.

The CAC discussed things to display on the board, and Ms. Pooley said she will do up a large-lettered Conservation Advisory Council heading to put across the top.

Ms. Welo said the Cornell Co-operative Extension has given their permission to reproduce flyers she got from them (list of prohibited and regulated invasive species; pictures of invasives that are a particular problem in the Hudson Valley; a warning about giant hogweed; creating wire bins for composting). Ms. Welo also had a notice from Putnam County seeking contributions of landscaping/garden items to be given away at a fair; a

Clearwood nature series brochure from Green Chimneys; information about tree-stewarding; a compost quiz/answers; 2 papers about composting.

The secretary said she will make any copies the CAC wants to have for the fair.

Ms. Pooley thought the information on invasives, composting and trees merited copying to have as hand-outs.

Ms. Tripoli pointed out that the other information could just be tacked onto the board for people to see.

The secretary will make 50 copies of each of the selected flyers.

Ms. Tripoli asked if a tablecloth will be needed/she has a green one that could be used. She would also take the poster board home and print Conservation Advisor Council in large type to put along the top of the board.

Ms. Pooley will design a postcard to have printed up.

Ms. Welo suggested asking who does printing for the Town.

Ms. Tripoli said they already have that information/she will look for it. She thought that would be the best way to handle printing, because the printer will bill the Town directly/Ms. Pooley won't have to wait to be reimbursed.

It was agreed that re-cycled paper or paper from sustainable forests should be requested.

Mr. Towers will let Ms. Pooley know whether or not the gardener from the Farmer & the Fish will speak at the fair.

#### Inspection of Conservation Easements

Ms. Pooley stated that Planning Board Chairperson, Cynthia Curtis, was pleased that the CAC is interested in inspecting the Town's easements. If they do the inspections, they will start with the NSOLF land at Bloomerside, and Gloria Stein (NSOLF) will accompany them. She stated that before they can make these inspections, it needs to be approved by the Town Board.

Ms. Tripoli offered to write up the proposal to the Town Board that the CAC inspect the Town's conservation easements. She will e-mail a draft to the other CAC members.

Mr. Towers commented that the easement at Bloomerside is heavily-wooded, and he expressed concern about tick exposure.

Ms. Pooley said there is another relatively easy conservation easement near her house on Mills Road.

Mr. Towers asked who would be notified of the CAC's intent to do these inspections.

Ms. Pooley stated that the property-owner and the Building Department would be informed; the property-owner should also be called close to the date of the inspection to remind them/ask again if they wish to accompany the CAC.

Ms. Tripoli commented that they probably need the property-owners permission to do the inspection.

Ms. Welo concurred, saying they may walk up to the front door of the house but no further without permission.

#### BMP Removal of Invasive Species

Ms. Pooley said she wants to write this up but has been very busy/she will do it.

Ms. Tripoli said she will keep it on the agenda as a reminder.

#### Update re Noise

Mr. Towers said he was waiting to hear how this topic/the CAC's recommendation goes with the Planning Board, noting that changes to the Ordinance have been proposed before with no success. He asked what the CAC should do if their recommendation gets on a public hearing agenda – should they address the Town Board or not.

Ms. Tripoli thought it would be acceptable to bring people up to date at a public hearing, but she was not sure the CAC should advocate for the change; perhaps a CAC member could say they were speaking personally.

Mr. Towers thought he might like to do this. He said he has not heard much about the proposal lately, but it also only recommends amendments to the exceptions from the Ordinance.

Ms. Tripoli said the CAC/Mr. Towers put some work into the issue, and now they are seeing some action, which is good.

#### Meetings Attended

No one had anything to report about past meetings, but Ms. Pooley said Salem Golf Club is on the next Planning Board agenda. She noted that this is only of interest to the CAC as it relates to the bat habitat and trees. She added that a few trees are being checked to see if they are habitats for a specific bat.

Ms. Welo said she thinks the habitat will be threatened.

Ms. Tripoli said she might be able to attend the meeting; Mr. Towers said he will recuse himself from consideration of the issue as he is a member of the club.

Ms. Tripoli remarked that maybe the CAC could go along on a site inspection re the tree-removal aspect of the proposal.

Hawley Woods

Ms. Pooley said there is currently nothing new re this proposal, but the subdivision is a big issue.

Homeland Towers

Ms. Pooley stated her belief that this project is just about to go forward, adding that some kind of test was done re the presence of another kind of bat.

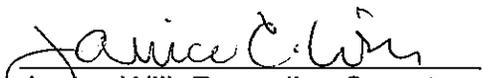
Ms. Welo commented that it could be illegal to cut habitat trees/it would be considered harassing wildlife.

Next meeting

Mr. Towers will not be available on the scheduled May meeting date, May 18. It was decided to skip May and meet again on June 15.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Janice Will, Recording Secretary