

## CAC Minutes – Meeting 12/11/2019

Merida Welles opened the meeting and all voted to approve the minutes from the last meeting on Nov 13th. Seconded by Marian Thompson

Members Present at the meeting: Merida Welles, Jean McAvoy, Marian Thompson. Town Board members present: Michael Whitton & Eliot Werner

Eliot introduced for discussion the plan from Mr Mark Weidman of 176 Schoolhouse Ln, to build a deer fence around 32 Ac of his total parcel. We looked over the plan map and noticed that the proposed fence crossed the Little Wappingers Creek and encroached on the buffer zone for the wetlands. This encroachment was of the greatest concern. There are 6 proposed pedestrian gates. There was concern that where the fence crossed the creek there might be a buildup of debris blocking the free passage of water perhaps causing flooding over time. It was noted that there was insufficient information about why the fence is positioned as proposed. There will be extensive landscaping done, and the fence would be 50 ft from the pond, closer than the 100 ft required. Jean noted that the DEC normally regulates ponds that are at least 10 acres in size. (Weidman's pond is less than 10 acres.) Jean also offered to review the Weidman's parcel on DEC's Natural Resource Mapper to see if it contains habitat for any known endangered/threatened species.

Some discussion ensued about the fence inhibiting the free movement of migrating wildlife in accessing their habitat and the pond, and that perhaps some free space could be considered for the bottom of the fence.

All agreed that a letter should be sent through Arlene to Arthur De Pasqua and the planning board containing our recommendations that the buffer zone not be breached and Jean noted that this modification would mean the owners wouldn't have to have a DEC permit.

Regarding WIC, Michael attends the meetings of the Wappingers Creek Inter-municipal Council but says that they are primarily concerned with larger towns' water systems, not with the town of Clinton's since we are all on private wells.

No one attended the Central Hudson Electric Car Summit.

A suggestion was made to consider undertaking a survey of all septic system locations and specs as was done in the town of Washington. (The Health Dept in Poughkeepsie should have some information already about septic systems in the town of Clinton.) It was suggested that we approach the idea carefully so as not to seem invasive of residents' privacy or property rights. The benefit to implementing the survey would be primarily to protect streams, creeks and ground water from contamination. We would propose to begin the study near those sensitive areas.

Discussion began about the need for more welcome folders. We have 4 folders and may need more for new residents. Michael offered to take one to the Weidman residence to help them understand conservation concerns vis a vis water activity. Marian offered to find out from Barbara where the inserts for the folders might be to create more folders. (Barbara prints them out as needed.).

**We moved to adjourn at 7:04.**