

## **MINUTES – TOWN OF OLIVE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**March 9, 2022, 600pm**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

In Attendance: Co-Chairs Dan White, Simon Strauss; Spencer Sloe  
Town Board liaison Victoria Read, Jac Conaway, Jo Ostrander  
The February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Pollinator Garden**

Jo has given her permission for planting the pollinator garden on her Air B and B property on Route 28 and Mountain Road. She will show the site to Jac and Dan this week. Jac and Dan will plan on moving the plants from the Legion Hall site as soon as the ground is workable.

Simon will follow up with Rich DeRuvo to recruit Onteora students to help maintain the new garden over the summer and to assist the Onteora Middle/High School ECO Club with planning for their desired school courtyard pollinator garden. Dan will follow up with the Boiceville Visioning Project team (Cynthia Nikitin and Katrine Duteil plus the students from Onteora) regarding their pollinator garden plans.

Dan will reach out to Liz to ask her to design the plaques. And to Dona for the content on the plaques.

Dan will contact the Hudson Valley Seed company to ask for new, native seeds to start and plant.

### **OCAC Meetings**

Dan will ask the Board if we can hold hybrid meetings to accommodate members who are traveling or immunocompromised. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022 at the Olive Free Library at 6pm.

### **Climate Smart Communities certification**

Matt will update us on our bronze status at the April meeting.

### **Open Space Inventory**

Chet and Dan will meet with Leslie Zucker of the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program to explore grants for completing our OSI and uses for it.

### **Solar Law**

No current progress.

### **LED street lights**

We are waiting for a cost estimate from New York Power Authority. We expect this in the 3/18-4/3 time frame.

**Education**

Matt is planning a home energy efficiency workshop in coordination with the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Also reaching out to Marbletown and Rochester for their input. We will publicize this through a postcard mailing and on the Town Facebook page.

Vikki reported that the Board approved a \$1500 expenditure for the design and distribution of a flyer for the upcoming home energy efficient workshop.

**Mailing List for Workshops and other purposes**

Dan will contact Liz to obtain the mailing list used by the pumped storage hydro project.

**Updating the OCAC page on the Town website, and the Town's Facebook page**

One person, probably Matt, will be the main point of contact to Amanda for any Town Facebook page content and for liaising with Dianna Carchidi (significant content) and Rebecca DeGondea (calendar additions and changes) for adding to and revising input to the OCAC section of the Town's website.