

MINUTES – OLIVE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL – October 19th 2022
Olive Free Library, 600pm

1. Introductions and roll call. Present; Dan White, Simon Strauss, Co-Chairs; Chet Karwatowski, Matt Kovner, Ellie Reese, members. Present also were Town Board liaison Victoria Read, and Allison Urwin.
2. Approval of August 10th, 2022 minutes (the September meeting was cancelled). Unanimously approved.

Policies and Projects:

External Town:

3. Collaboration with other towns.
 - Third Thursdays Education (Rochester, Marbletown, Gardiner and Olive) – October 20th at 630pm via Zoom. “Placemaking” October 20th; Pollinator habitats November 17th.
 - Other opportunities Matt
4. Climate Smart Communities (“CSC”).
 - Website update is due from Dianna Carchidi November 1st.
 - Vehicle Fleet inventory is done.
 - Greenhouse gas emissions is being done with a grant from HVRC – mostly Central Hudson and Bottini are the energy/fuel sources. Matt

Internal Town:

5. Disadvantaged Communities – status of Olive?
 - Meeting October 20th of NYS DAC working group. Chet
6. Grant Opportunities for Olive
 - EVs and EV Chargers – needs to be tied to Climate Smart Plan – Chargers 2023 possibility. Re EVs Chet to reach out to Brian Burns to assess feasibility of Town EVs to replace current vehicles.
 - Fish passage – Fed funds available. Olive is in a good position via AWSMP.
 - Shokan pre-sewer engineering base – look at OCAC Slack channel.
 - V Read commented we need a Town Comprehensive Plan FIRST.
 - Examples of Towns partnering:
 - see Woodstock and CEA – same for us
 - headwaters of streams that flow into the Ashokan Reservoir are in Shandaken.
 - wetlands in the Vly and surrounds are shared with the Town of Rochester. Chet

7. Open Space Inventory – Update on DEC Open Space Priority Area (aka Critical Environmental Area – CEA) project.
 - Present at Town Board Audit Meeting Dec 12 Dan

8. Envision Boiceville – status
 - \$25,000 grant
 - NFWF grant – announcement expected in November Dan

9. Pollinator Pathways/native species plantings
 - Before Labor Day the plants from the previous garden at the Legion Hall were replanted to the bed we have been loaned at Jo Ostrander’s property at Mountain Rd and Rt 28. Jac, Dan, Jo

10. Community Choice Aggregation update Simon

11. Ground source heat loops in conjunction with Shokan/Boiceville sewer district
 - Do research into feasibility. Simon

Administration:

12. Mailing lists and communications.
 - 30 people on current list. Ellie

13. Other business
 - Volunteer hours needed – please send to Simon
 - Put OCAC minutes into Slack All