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Chapter 17 **Conservation Advisory Council**

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Olive at time of adoption of Code; see Chapter 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Environmental quality review — See Ch. **89**.

§ 17-1 **Council created.**

The Town Board of the Town of Olive does hereby create the Conservation Advisory Council of the Town of Olive.

§ 17-2 **Membership.**

Such Council shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Olive.

§ 17-3 **Presiding Officer.**

The Presiding Officer or Chairman of the Conservation Advisory Council shall be designated by the Town Board of the Town of Olive from among those persons appointed by the Council.

§ 17-4 **Functions.**

The Conservation Advisory Council of the Town of Olive, as its function, shall advise the Town Board, Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Olive in the promotion, development, management and protection of its natural resources, and such Council shall engage in those functions authorized by the provisions of General Municipal Law § 239-x.

§ 17-5 **Inventory of open spaces.**

The Conservation Advisory Council shall maintain an up-to-date inventory or index of all open spaces in public or private ownership within the municipality, including but not limited to natural landmarks, glacial and other geomorphic or physiographic features; streams and their floodplains, swamps, marshlands and other wetlands; unique biotic communities; scenic and other open areas

of natural or ecological value; and of the ownership, present use and proposed use of such open areas, so as to provide a base of information for recommendations by the Council for their preservation and/or use.

§ 17-6Expenses; appropriation.

None of the expenses incurred by such Council shall be a charge upon the taxable property of the Town of Olive unless there has been a specific appropriation made therefor.

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§ 17-1Council created.

The Town Board of the Town of Olive does hereby create the Conservation Advisory Council of the Town of Olive.

§ 17-2Membership.

Such Council shall consist of at least five and up to five-nine members to be appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Olive. Terms of members shall be one year, with the possibility of reappointment at the discretion of the Town Board.

§ 17-3Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer or Chair~~person~~~~man~~ of the Conservation Advisory Council shall be designated by the Town Board of the Town of Olive from among those persons appointed by the Council. The Chair may be filled by two people, as co-chairs.

§ 17-4Functions.

The Conservation Advisory Council of the Town of Olive, as its function, shall advise the Town Board, Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Olive in (1) the promotion, development, management and protection of its natural resources; (2) create educational and other outreach activities relevant to the OCAC's mission, including but not limited to conservation, energy, climate adaptation, and recreation; (3) research grant opportunities and support the Town Board in applications for funding relevant to natural resources in Olive; and and (4) other issues related to the environment and sustainability in the Town of Olive; and (5) such Council shall engage in those functionsactivities authorized by the provisions of General

Municipal Law § 239-x. Quorum shall constitute the majority of the members officially appointed at the time of an official meeting.

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Additional, unrelated to law

Job description of Members:

Members of the Olive Conservation Advisory Council (OCAC) are appointed by and serve on the council at the discretion of the Town Board. The terms of members are one year, with the possibility of reappointment. Members are expected to attend official monthly meetings of the Council in person and participate in the deliberations of the Council's work; occasional additional meetings are scheduled. The Council has no subcommittees, but individual members often take a leadership role in issues or activities of interest or need. It is a volunteer role, with no remuneration. Requirements of service on the OCAC are (1) residency in the Town of Olive; and (2) interest in and some knowledge of the issues that concern the work of the Council.