

Athens Conservation Advisory Council meeting minutes
January 20, 2022 via ZOOM

Members present: Bunting, Grilli, Lipsman, Little, Moree, Proper (Nancy Poylo representing), Roth, Winslow

Members excused: none

Members absent: none

Meeting guests present: Stephanie Facchine, Haley Gallo, both from NYS DOH

Chairman Lipsman convened the meeting at 6:32pm.

1. Welcome and introductions – participants introduced themselves.
2. Agenda review and approval – the agenda was approved by assent.
3. 2021 Annual Report – the draft report prepared by Ms. Little was accepted with modifications suggested by Mr. Roth, to be submitted to the Village by Dr. Lipsman. Motion: Bunting, SECOND: Moree, passed unanimously.
4. Approval of minutes of last meeting – the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2021, were approved by assent.
5. Drinking Water Source Protection project – Ms. Facchine presented an introductory slide show and answered questions from the group. She said she would contact Winslow after the meeting to discuss what mapping expertise he may be able to offer the project. Dr. Lipsman said he would resend to the CAC the Village's application to participate in the program.

It was understood that additional subject matter experts and stakeholders could be invited to offer guidance as the project progresses. It was agreed to discuss the project in shorter meeting segments for the next few months, to allow more time for the group to continue to work on the Tree Law.

6. Tree grant application update – Dr. Lipsman shared that with the approval of the Village Board, he resubmitted the CAC's grant proposal to update the street tree inventory and create a tree management plan to the Hudson River Valley Greenway. He reported he had approached Friends of Athens to co-sponsor with a letter of support and possibly funding to strengthen the application.
7. Discussion of possible Tree Law – the group made progress in reviewing the Law, completing a first round of Article I.
8. Discussion of possible Tree Management Program – placeholder item
9. Member items – none this month
10. Agenda for meeting of February 17, 2022 – this will be a continuation of this month's agenda. The group agreed to meet for an extra half hour next month to have more time on the Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Lipsman, MD