

Athens Conservation Advisory Council meeting minutes
June 16, 2022
Athens Firehouse – Wifi PW = AthensAvfd

Members present: Grilli, Lipsman, Little, Moree, Roth, Winslow

Members excused: Bunting

Members absent: Proper

Meeting guests present: Stephanie Facchine, NYSDOH, Haley Gallo, NYSDOH

Chairman Lipsman convened the meeting at 6:35pm.

1. Welcome and introductions – participants introduced themselves.
2. Agenda review and approval – the agenda was approved by assent.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting – the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2022, were approved by assent.
4. Drinking Water Source Protection project – there was discussion of strategies and methods using materials provided by Ms. Facchine, who with Ms. Gallo, kindly agreed to provide further guidance and recommendations for specific next steps at the July CAC meeting.
5. Tree grant application update – arborist Angelo Schembari participated via telephone. He explained that he started the inventory update that should be complete no later than mid-July, after which he will start the Tree Management Plan (TMP), to be completed no later than a few weeks after that. Ms. Little clarified that the TMP would be immediately applicable to our current tree stock.

Funding for the project is \$8000 from Greenway, \$2000 from the Village, and \$2000 from Friends of Athens. An in-kind contribution of \$4000 will be made by a combination of the volunteer time of Dr. Lipsman as project coordinator, and time spent discussing and guiding the project by the Village Board, the CAC, and the Friends of Athens board.

6. Discussion of possible Tree Law – it was agreed that since former Mayor Bradicich is replacing Ms. Poylo as the designee for the DPW Director, we would wait to bring him up to speed before asking the Village Board to move forward with consideration of the Law.
7. Discussion of possible Tree Management Program – please see agenda item 5.
8. Discussion of Arbor Day observance – there will need to be an observance in Athens this year to make the Village eligible for designation for a third year as a Tree City USA city. The group discussed connecting it with implementation of measures to be proposed in the upcoming TMP.
9. [Flood Resilience Handbook for Hudson River Public Access Sites](#) – Jesenia Laureano, with the Hudson River Estuary Program is developing a draft Athens Climate Summary for the CAC that should overlap with our interest in flood resilience work.

10. Member items - none

11. Agenda for meeting of July 21, 2022 – no new items. Meetings will continue at the Firehouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Lipsman, MD