

Athens Conservation Advisory Council meeting minutes
November 17, 2022
Athens Community Center conference room

Members present: Bunting, Grilli, Lipsman, Moree (via Zoom), Stephan Bradicich for Sprague, Roth, Winslow (via Zoom)

Members absent: Little

Meeting guests present via Zoom: Stephanie Facchine, NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Water Supply Protection, Lindsey Drew, DEC

Chairman Lipsman convened the meeting at 6:35pm.

1. Welcome and introductions – none.
2. Agenda review and approval – the agenda was approved by assent.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting – the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2022, were approved by assent.
4. Drinking Water Source Protection project – the group went over the draft final report spreadsheet presented by Ms. Facchine. She will now finalize this and return to the CAC early next year.

There was further discussion with Ms. Drew about including Hollister Lake in a DEC vegetation sampling program.

5. Tree Inventory and Management Plan – health circumstances for Mr. Schembari put him a couple of weeks behind. There was no update since last month.
6. Arbor Day observance – Ms. Grilli reported that she had arranged with an arborist to trim trees at her former home at 93 N. Vernon Street. The group selected December 10 as the date for the event, to coincide with the Victorian Stroll. Ms. Grilli will finalize with the arborist and send information to Dr. Lipsman to connect her with Carol Pfister, of the Stroll committee to see if they are interested. If not, the event will occur simultaneously in any case.
7. Tree Law – there was discussion of several points in the Tree Law. Ultimately it was decided that Mr. Roth would collaborate with former Mayor Bradicich to revise the Statement of Purpose in Article II, Section 15A, after which Dr. Lipsman would forward the proposed Law to the Village Board.
8. Annual Report due December 31 – Mr. Bunting agreed to write the 2022 Annual Report.
9. Member items – there were none.
10. Agenda for meeting of December 15, 2022 – the group agreed to cancel the December meeting and meet again January 19, 2023. Outstanding work such as the Tree Plan and Inventory, and the Tree Law, would be handled via email in the interim.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Lipsman, MD