

Athens Conservation Advisory Council meeting minutes
April 20, 2023
Athens Firehouse

Members present: Brunner, Collinson, Lipsman, Moree, Reed

Members absent: Little, Sprague

Meeting guests present: Stephanie Facchine, John Mickelson, Madline Silecchia, all from NYSDOH

Chairman Lipsman convened the meeting at 6:33pm.

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 February 16, 2023, were approved by assent.
4. Drinking Water Source Protection project – there was extensive discussion about the draft report. The group agreed to review the draft and plan for further discussion next month, to include thoughts about recommendations to the Village Board.
5. Trees – the group discussed the Street Tree Inventory and Management Plan. There was discussion about specific grants to apply for, and Dr. Lipsman said he would keep watch on those. Ms. Reed and Ms. Moree volunteered to work on suggestions for how to present the results of the Inventory/Plan to the Village Board and to the public, and to bring suggestions back to the group next month.
6. Tree City USA – if the Village is to be designated a Tree City USA for a fourth consecutive year, the CAC would need to organize some sort of Arbor Day observance anytime before the 2023 Tree City application is due (usually November). It does not need to be on or immediately around Arbor Day. This was tabled for further discussion next month.
7. Administrative matters – Susan Grilli moved away and there is a CAC vacancy. Dr. Lipsman has discussed with the Mayor about her coming to an upcoming meeting to meet with the CAC. He also would like to step down as chair and noted that he will be working with the Mayor on a replacement, though he would continue as a member and as the Village Board liaison.
8. Member items – there were no member items.
9. Agenda for meeting of May 18, 2023 – the agenda will look similar to this month's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Lipsman, MD