

Athens Conservation Advisory Council meeting minutes
May 16, 2024
Via Zoom

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

Members excused: Reed

Members absent: Little, Sprague

Meeting guests present: none

Chairman Lipsman convened the meeting at 6:40pm.

1. Welcome and introductions – dispensed with.
2. Agenda review and approval – the agenda was approved by assent.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting – the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2024, were approved by assent.
4. Habitat Mapping Proposal update – Dr. Lipsman shared with the group that a DEC funding opportunity for this project had just become available. There is a webinar on it on May 29. Ms. Collinson volunteered to help with the grant proposal and said she would try to attend the webinar. Dr. Lipsman said he would reach out to Ms. Reed who had previously expressed interest in this, and to Hudsonia to see if someone from their group would attend the June CAC meeting to discuss the application. Mr. Black said he knows someone at Hudsonia and would likely be speaking with them this weekend to see whether cultural assets may be included in a habitat mapping.
5. Drinking Water Source Protection project – placeholder
6. Trees
 - a. Tree City USA – Dr. Lipsman said he would reach out to Ms. Reed, who had previously volunteered to staff a table that could serve as the designated Athens Arbor Day observance at Athens Community Day on June 8
 - b. DEC Community Forest Management Plan Implementation – application submitted, pending notification
7. Administrative matters – nothing new
8. Member items – none
9. Agenda for meeting of June 20 – via Zoom – no new items were suggested

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Lipsman, MD