

Athens Conservation Advisory Council meeting minutes
October 17, 2024
Via Zoom

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

Members absent: Sprague

Chairman Lipsman convened the meeting at 6:30pm.

1. Welcome and introductions – participants introduced themselves. New member Bob Braine was welcomed to the group.
2. Agenda review and approval – the agenda was approved by assent.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting – the minutes of the meeting of July 18, 2024, were approved by assent.
4. Drinking Water Source Protection project – Dr. Lipsman said he would forward the meeting invitation for the next meeting on 11/6 from 10-11 with the LaBella consultant on Hollister Lake. CAC members are invited.
5. Habitat Mapping Proposal update – application submitted; pending notification (possibly November)
6. Mayor's request – native grass lawns resources – Ecological Restoration grant opportunity. Ms. Reed said she was working on a possible grant application that would involve an installation workshop and follow up. A possible location near the Athens Community Farm was mentioned. A project partnership with the Cultural Center was discussed.
7. Trees
 - a. Tree City USA – application due December 2 – Ms. Reed stated she already has started the application.
 - b. DEC Community Forest Management Plan Implementation – discussion of award received and next steps. The Village is awaiting contract documents from DEC.
8. Member items – Mr. Braine highly recommended the book "American Canopy."
9. Agenda for meeting of November 21 – via Zoom. The above agenda items would continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Lipsman, MD