

Athens Conservation Advisory Council meeting minutes
May 15, 2025
Via Zoom

Members present: Brunner, Lipsman, Reed

Members excused: Gillespie, Moree

Members absent: Braine, Sprague

Meeting guests present: Steve Winkley, LaBella Associates; Lindsey Strehlau-Howay, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia-Greene

Chairman Lipsman convened the meeting at 6:31pm.

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 April 17, 2025, were approved by assent.
4. Drinking Water Source Protection project – Mr. Winkley said that Ms. Bement from DOH had reached out to the Mayor and was waiting to hear back from her. He was working on a 4-5 page report on how to use watershed protection regulations in the two Towns.
5. Disaster Preparedness Education project – Ms. Strehlau-Howay gave an update on the project, and gathered information from CAC members present. She will reach out to other stakeholders and public officials.
6. Habitat Mapping Proposal update – nothing new since last month
7. Mayor's request – native grass lawns resources – nothing new since last month
8. Trees
 - a. Tree City USA –Arbor Day event for this year at Community Day on June 14. Ms. Reed described preparations that are almost done.
 - b. DEC Community Forest Management Plan Implementation – discussion of award received and next steps; pending contract- nothing new since last month
9. Member items
10. Agenda for meeting of June 19 – via Zoom – the agenda will be substantially like this month's

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Lipsman, MD