

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION (CACC)**

April 9, 2007 Meeting Record

Members Present:

Libby Liebschutz, Chair; Mike DiPaolo; Nancy Heinzen; Val Newell; John Mead; Ted Putney; Mike Waldenmaier; Caleb Wistar

Staff Members Present:

George Leveille

Chair Report:

Libby Liebschutz reported that she had been confirmed as the new CACC Chair by the Town Board at its meeting of February 28, 2007. She expressed her enthusiasm about the appointment and encouraged the CACC members to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns with her.

Task 2 Update: Open Space Programs – Funding and Tools Report

Ms. Liebschutz distributed the final revised version of the January 8 report of workshop comments prepared by staff with the assistance of Ms. Liebschutz and members Val Newell and Caleb Wistar. George Leveille identified the final edits made to the document, which included the addition of a preface and the shifting of several comments from one category to another. At the suggestion of Ted Putney, the CACC agreed to finalize the report, present it to the Town Board and subsequently post it on the Town's website.

Mike Waldenmaier inquired about follow-up communication with workshop attendees. Mr. Wistar indicated that sending a letter to the attendees would be a good idea and Ms. Liebschutz and Mr. Wistar offered to assist in drafting the letter. Ms. Newell also volunteered to assist in compiling the electronic mailing list of workshop attendees.

During the public comment period on this task, Nancy Neff inquired whether or not the Task 2 report would be revised to reflect some of the comments received. A good discussion of this question ensued and concluded with a general consensus that the topic of the report was extremely dynamic and as such would be difficult to keep timely and updated. It was suggested that a de facto update would in fact occur if the Town opted to proceed with the development of an Open Space Plan.

Task 3: Map of Existing Conservation and Recreation Land

Ms. Liebschutz provided a backdrop to the discussion of this proposed task and reiterated the need to obtain clarification from the Town Board regarding its intent. She reported that a small group of CACC members (Mike DiPaolo, Ms. Newell, Mr. Wistar) had met with her and staff to come up with categories of land use that could be mapped as part of this task. The members discussed the purpose of the task and Mr. Waldenmaier suggested that as part of this task, acreage of mapped lands should be calculated. It was also suggested that all private owners of mapped properties should consent to being included on the map. The members agreed that a final draft should be circulated for any last comments from the members and Ms. Liebschutz agreed to do so. She also indicated her intent to have this matter considered at the April 25 meeting of the Town Board.

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Action Items:

- a. Correct the title on the draft Task 3 map to be consistent with the title as listed on the meeting agenda.
- b. Research the ownership of the State University at Cortland land on Old Quarry Road.
- c. Circulate the final draft letter regarding Task 3 to the members for one last review prior to submission to the Town Board.
- d. Research ownership status of the proposed rail trail (former D&H rail bed).
- e. Research comp plan for definition of "open space".

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Room 101