

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Town Supervisor Cunningham
Members of the Town Board
Town Clerk Newkirk
Town Attorney Potter

From: Libby Liebschutz, CACC Chairman
Robert Leslie, Senior Planner

Subject: Quarterly Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation
(CACC) for the period of January 2007-August 2007

Date: August 16, 2007

Administrative Activities

The CACC met on a monthly basis throughout this period on the second Monday of each month. All meetings consisted of discussions of the development of a map in response to the Board's request and ways to inform the public of CACC activities. The CACC has completed the map task, and its work product, including a cover memorandum to the Board, is attached.

During the June meeting the Town's GIS Specialist, Jason Baum, conducted a very informative presentation about the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as a data based tool to inform decision-making. Mr. Baum discussed theoretical concepts and provided a real time demonstration using the Town's internal GIS system including the layering of soils and zoning data on a GIS built map.

Attendance by members has been good and there have been some members of the public attending all of the meetings. As you are aware, John Smolinsky and Matt Watson resigned from the Committee, and subsequently the Town Board approved the appointment of Paul Sieloff and David Erik VanLuven. Libby Liebschutz filled the CACC Chair position left vacant by John Smolinsky.

The Bethlehem town website is continuously updated with CACC information including agendas, minutes, meeting dates and CACC work products. In an effort to provide information about the CACC to Town residents, news of CACC activities is included in the Town's monthly e-Newsletter in a series called "CACC Corner". The CACC meeting schedule is also included in the Spotlight's weekly Calendar of Events.

cc: CACC members
Debbie Kitchen