

## Meeting minutes Town of Gallatin CAC

January 7, 2024

Attendees: Eli, Carol, Ben, Nancy, Annabel, Stixxx

Approve prior minutes

Reviewed the year end CAC report and Goals for 2024

Current town issues: Concerns along the Doove Kill (and releases from Lake Taghkanic) due to flooding, manure runoff, as well as other stormwater issues. Issue on Mill Hill Rd. and elsewhere that road salt goes into the stream. The amounts are regulated at the state level. Suggest lowering the speed limit. The Carey Institute has information on alternatives. Germantown has had some successes working with the Highway Dept and also around mowing regimens (invite him to a meeting). Talk to Germantown, Carol will follow up with Barbara Hughey about what they have done. We will invite her to our next meeting (or possibly a town board meeting).

Carol will work on a stormwater powerpoint. Watershed Alliance has a handbook. We should reach out and talk to residents about flooding issues.

Reviewed suggestions for 2024 goals:

Talked about newsletter topics. Carol will do one on Dark Skies.

Website launch needs to be announced. Stixx will send ideas to Ben and then we will share for comment. Carol will follow up with Tara on CSC page for website.

Lake Taghkanic trail cleanup. Ben will reach out to the park and Taghkanic CAC to get their participation.

Carol will reach out to Nan after we make an outline for the NRI. Then proceed to get proposals. Need to get approval from the town board on fundraising and also get the Town to budget money.

Carol gave an update on CSC activities and grants that we got and what we will do with it (within 3mos). Create a Sustainability Fund and possibly a paid Sustainability Coordinator position. Carol thinks we should do the NRI before we do the Zoning Review.

Members need to sign up for (Harassment and Discrimination) training in the link Eli sent.

Annabel will help schedule events.

Next meeting, review event calendar and select dates.

Put out the word that we would like another member to join the CAC.