

Danby Conservation Advisory Council
August 15, 2011
Minutes

Present: Jake Brenner, Joel Gagnon, Dan Klein, Sue Beeners, Ronda Roaring, Ben Altman

July minutes approved?

Addressing the Need for Legal Aid

Jake will contact Virginia Tesi.

There is continuing education credit available for pro bono legal work. Try Tompkins County Bar Association or Tompkins Women Attorneys Association.

Outreach

Ronda is “poaching” donors lists from non-profit organizations and will talk to businesses for similar lists in search of potential donors to the CAC.

Spoke with Laura Shawley (Town accountant) asking what happened to the CAC’s seed money and what how it will be managed.

A “sub” account will be set up and LS will keep track of the money.

Easement language from Rhonda’s website might be useful somewhere else—Joel suggested sending to Mary Ann Barr for inclusion in media/communications work.

Critical Environmental Areas

Work is nearly done.

Ben and Sue outlined mapping needs: modified boundaries and format changes.

Sue is considering contacting Dryden to create an interactive mapping interface.

Joel suggested aligning with the Open Space Inventory work, and Jake agreed.

Aquifer Study

Sue says we’re extending our contract for this work—including recharge areas and streams sorted by the watershed they serve.

Kayak Event

Most planning is done (see previous minutes), and final plans were ironed out, including how to articulate the aims and work of the CAC.

Land Trust Standards and Practices -- using them to identify our needs

We decided that our enabling legislation determines our “mission,” and is sufficient for defining our scope and purpose.

These S&Ps can be useful: a) as a practical checklist when executing easements, b) can serve as a prompt, reminding us of best practices, accountability concerns (e.g. bylaws?), and the limitations of our enabling legislation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Submitted by Jake Brenner