

TOWN OF COPAKE

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 07/27/13

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. Attendants: Edgar Masters, Brian Boom, Heidi Bock, and TB liaison Susan Winchell-Sweeney. Visitor/speaker, Harvey Weber.

Motion to accept July minutes as presented, no changes, made by Boom, seconded by Bock, all in favor.

Boom spoke of his participation in the flood hazard/climate change workshop held on 7/17/13. Town is eligible for FEMA grants.

NEW BUSINESS: Harvey Weber presentation – Winkley Water Study for the town of Copake; data developed and what is still needed; recommendations for the future, specifically an aquifer study. Weber also referenced Taconic Shores Property Association water policy (septic cleaning required every 5 years, etc.).

Bock followed up with discussion of Town of Hillsdale efforts documenting stream locations and stream quality (focus on fish). ACTION ITEM: Bock will determine what other local and NYS towns have completed in terms of aquifer studies.

Discussion of fracking in response to request by Supervisor Nayer; CAC will research/present to town board at a future date.

Discussion of CAC priority concerns; town septic system vs. water distribution; inventory of existing water resources; use of Comprehensive Plan to guide CAC; discussion of timeframe for actions/recommendations to the town board. ACTION ITEM: all members to read Winkley Water study and review Comprehensive Plan.

OLD BUSINESS: Vernal pool law/policy language developed by Bock.

Motion to adjourn at 10 am made by Masters, seconded by Boom, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING 08/24/13; RESCHEDULED FOR 09/28/13.

