

# Conservation Advisory Council Town of Hillsdale, NY

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## MINUTES CAC MEETING, 18 JULY 2024

The meeting was convened at 7:18 pm at the Town Hall. Amy (via phone), David, Mary, and Gretchen attended.

### Approval of Minutes

The June 2024 minutes were approved.

### Old Business

#### **Hazard Mitigation**

David provided an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan that the town is developing with the help of a consultant (Tighe and Bond) hired by the county. The Hillsdale Hazard Mitigation Team is preparing a list of priority projects to improve the town's response to extreme precipitation, extreme heat, and other effects of the changing climate. A hazard mitigation grant application could mention that the Comprehensive Plan update will include recommendations for hazard mitigation measures. (Mary mentioned that the culvert by the Town Hall frequently causes upgradient flooding.)

#### **Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Revision**

Jamie and Gretchen are working on the grant application for NYSDOS funding, due on 31 July.

#### **Climate Smart Community**

Jamie and Amy completed documentation for renewing Hillsdale's Bronze certification in the Climate Smart Communities program and submitted by the July deadline.

#### **Water Testing**

Gretchen will talk to New Lebanon CAC about how they designed and funded their water testing project.

#### **Webpage**

Everyone will review the CAC webpage and send editing notes to David by 1 August. David will compile everything and send edits on to Robina by 15 August.

## **New Business**

### **Town Newsletter**

Mary suggested that we prepare an article on the importance of cover crops for preventing soil loss and preventing siltation of streams.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

## **Action Items**

Everyone: Review CAC webpage and send edits to David.

David: Compile edits to CAC webpage and send notes to Robina by 15 August.  
Edit Hazard Mitigation table.

Gretchen: Talk to New Lebanon CAC about water testing by 30 August.

Mary: Draft article on cover crops.

Gretchen & Jamie: Work on funding application for Comprehensive Plan review.