

## Town of Taghkanic Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2015

**Members Present:** Anna Kadish, Chair; Valerie Hoffmann; Tony LaSalvia; Donna Verna; Charlene Paden, Sally Walker and Moisha Blechman . **Also Attending:** Larry Kadish

- 1) **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Upcoming Field Excursion at New Forge State Forest – To be led by Hudsonia biologist Gretchen Stevens.** The Committee made final plans for this walk to take place on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-12. (Rain Date Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>.) Register by emailing Anna Kadish. There will be room for 20 participants. Taghkanic residents will get first opportunity. Current registration has almost reached that quota.
- 2) **Long Term Goals - Anna suggested that we think about and plan for future CAC activities.**  
Some Ideas:  
Fall 2015 : Presentation – Introduction to a Natural Resource Inventory for the Town  
Winter 2016: Presentation of Results of the Culvert Inventory/Study (See #4 below)
- 3) **Culvert Inventory Follow-up** – Anna reported that the Taghkanic Town Board approved the DEC Culvert Study for the town. Depending on project schedule and when it is completed, we should plan on a follow-up presentation of inventory results and recommendations for Winter 2016.  
**ACTION: Anna** will follow up with Andrew Meyer regarding his proposed schedule as well as the need/role of local volunteers for the project.
- 4) **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) for Taghkanic** – Anna discussed the new NRI manual: *Creating a Natural Resource Inventory: A Guide for Communities in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed* written by Ingrid Haeckel and Laura Heady. Although it seems a daunting task for our small committee, Anna suggested that we identify what resources and areas we would like to focus on and learn how to best approach the inventory. The Taghkanic Creek, being a Class A stream, and its watershed were mentioned as a real priority. We decided to invite Ingrid Haeckel to our May or June meeting to give an overview of the work and time involved and help us decide whether to do an NRI and how to begin. In the meantime, the Committee decided to review the guide's table of contents and Chapter 4: What to include in the NRI. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/100925.html>  
**ACTION: Anna** will call Ingrid to invite her to the May 21st CAC OR the June 18<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting.  
**ACTION: Larry** will invite John Roberts as well, as he has knowledge of the Town's GIS system.  
  
**ACTION: Committee members** will review the Guide's Table of Contents and be prepared to ask questions at our next meeting.

### **Upcoming Workshops/Meetings.**

1. **STREAMS 101 WORKSHOP (CLC) – Monday April 30 5:30-8:30** at Dutch Reformed Church
2. **TREES FOR TRIBS CLEANUP (Riverkeeper) – Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10AM** – Will be removing invasives, checking tree tubes and weed mats around each tree. Meet behind Town Hall. Bring gloves, pocket knife, loppers, pruners. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html>
3. **MAY TAGHKANIC CAC MEETING – Thursday May 21, 2015 5pm @ the Kadish's**