

Town of Marlborough Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Report September 23, 2024

To Supervisor Corcoran and Town Board Members

We are pleased to report our recent accomplishments, namely, and with thanks, the inclusion of architectural and lighting design language adopted in the recently approved Ridgeline Protection Law. We are also pleased that our collection bottle for aluminum flip tops available in the police lobby is being used. We hope to distribute smaller collection boxes at local establishments to further recycling awareness and practice.

As the CAC representative I attended Ulster County's Environmental Roundtable on August 28 and the Cohort Community Action Plan Zoom Presentation on September 12.

Member Haidaoui reports that he and Cornell Cooperative Extension representative, Anna, scheduled a meeting on September 16 to gather specifics on the Town's Emergency Preparedness procedures with Supervisor Corcoran, Code Enforcement Officer Corcoran, Chief Coccozza and representatives from both fire departments. We look forward to hearing the results of that meeting to create a final report and accompanying media presentations to educate our community on instructions on what to do in the event of an environmental emergency or episode. We understand that Danielle Cherubini is working on this as well to create a website presence for this data. She has our gratitude. The completion of this action will qualify us for points rewards and we are looking forward to finalizing this activity.

We congratulate the Town for being awarded \$100,000 from the County to install solar panels on the Community Center. We were informed that, although the CAC did not apply for this grant, we will be able to receive points towards Bronze Certification once they are installed. Councilman Cauchi has volunteered to keep us informed on new grant opportunities being considered by the Board that would avail the CAC of the possibility of obtaining more points. Likewise, we will be alerting you to grant announcements we receive and deem appropriate to our task, including the new Highway Dept. building.

We are developing a plan for 2025 to create opportunities for public education and participation and to reorganize our approach to achieving Bronze Certification.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 10, Thursday, 6:30 PM in the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Mici Simonofsky, Chair