

**Pawling Conservation Advisory Board - Minutes**  
**Thursday 6/18/26, 6pm, American Legion Building**

Present: Robert Bergdall – Chairman, Mark Chipkin – Vice Chair, Rick Wilson, Joe Willie, Lou Trombetta, Steven DiFalco,  
Absent: Lori Asquith, Deborah Stewart, Marie Vedder,

1. Town Board
  - a. 6/10 Living Legacy Program – Mark, Lori
    - Resolution authorizing program approved.
    - Initial donations moving forward with Wendel and Peggy.
  - b. Solar project – Joe
    - Meeting with Wendel, Rob, Joe, Mark on 5/27
    - Provided board with detailed cost breakdown on 6/3 showing immediate and long-term cost savings.
    - Cathy indicated she's communicating with supervisor of Town of Northeast which has completed numerous projects.
    - Rob will forward City of Beacon Highway Garage example to Cathy and full board.
2. Planning Board – 6/15 Meeting
  - a. No projects of CAB interest at most recent meeting.
3. Comprehensive Committee – 6/18 Mtg – Rob
  - a. Discussed maps which will be used to guide overall process. Rob will request CEA's be added to the natural resources map, and scenic highways be added to transportation map.
  - b. Discussed filling out list of stakeholders – Are any organizations missing? Who should organizational contact persons be? What is best e-mail address for them?
  - c. Discussed how to quantify concerns about aquifer – Steve noted his well recently ran dry.
4. Critical Environmental Areas Discussion – Rick
  - a. Mark suggests locating smaller areas, vernal pools or fens, which may have been overlooked frequently.
  - b. Habitat for blandings or bog turtles would be of particular import.

5. Website & Communications – Debbi
  - a. Debbi was unable to attend the meeting but indicated via e-mail that the website is ready to launch in next month!
6. Summer meeting calendar – Rob will circulate Doodle scheduling poll to group to decide on a single July-August meeting date.