

Pawling Conservation Advisory Board - Agenda
Thursday 9/17/26, 6pm, American Legion Building

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

1. Lakeside Park – Impact of July movie production
 - a. Group spoke with Eric Paulsen, park trail steward, regarding the extensive use of heavy machinery and motorized vehicles.
 - b. All groundcover has been removed in the, approximately 2 acre, affected area leading to the formation of a large muddy pit fed by the outflow of an existing artesian spring.
 - c. Group discussed concerns about habitat destruction and other negative impacts. Agreed that remediation and restoration work should be pursued under direction of a qualified expert.
 - d. Marie and Lori will be drafting a letter on this matter for review and adoption at the 10/16 meeting.
 - e. Mark will be reaching out to Hudsonia to see if they can provide guidance on remediation. Rick noted that Planning Board consulting engineer Walter Artus may also be a good option for assistance.
2. Town Board
 - a. Discussed 9/2 and 9/9 meetings
3. Planning Board
 - a. 9/1 Meeting – Discussed status of Pignatelli project. CAB issued a letter to the Planning Board after 7/13/25 site survey.
4. Comprehensive Committee – Rob
 - a. Reviewed CAB members participation in stakeholder roundtables
 - i. 9/10 – Environment – Mark & Lou
 - ii. 9/17 – Transportation - Joe
 - iii. 9/24 – Zoning and Housing – Steven, Lori, & Trevor
 - b. Lou will be submitting written comments regarding water issues that were not able to be covered in-depth due to limited meeting time.
 - c. First public workshop is scheduled for 10/20, 4-7pm, at the Town Hall
 - d. Community Survey is scheduled to be published in early October.

5. Website – Rob for Debbie
 - a. Debbie has published the website and will be publicizing it on the Pawling Community Group FB page.
 - b. Rob will request link be posted on town website.
6. The Nature Conservancy Mapping Tool – Mark
 - a. Mark met with Matt Levy, Director of Land Protection for The Nature Conservancy, on 9/8 regarding their '[Resilient Land Mapping](#)' tool.
 - b. The map shows a variety of useful information including animal migration, intact forest habitat, and habitat types.
 - c. CAB can use this as another tool to provide factual substantiation when reviewing properties for the Town Board and Planning Board.
7. Clothing Drop – Marie
 - a. Group discussed how to present the advantages of the free 'Helpsy' textile recycling program. Robert will approach Supervisor Giordano regarding this program.
8. Sibyll Gilbert Legacy Records - Rick
 - a. Rick has begun reviewing and indexing records from Sibyll Gilbert provided by her son Dean.
9. Regional Resilience Grants – The Understory
 - a. Discussion of this grant program was moved to a separate meeting on 9/21. Grant may be pursued in collaboration with the Tree Board and Pawling Community Garden.