

Agenda Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board Workshop Meeting
April 20, 2021, 7:30pm

This meeting was held via teleconference:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86382837286?pwd=OXRIK0FmaFNpMFczanR1bFZlbjF3Zz09>

Attendees: Ingrid Haeckel, Rich Whitney, Jonathan Schwartz, Julie Seyfert Lillis, Rose Rudnitski, Ted Nitza, Amanda Gotto, and R. Kenji Tierney

Minutes:

1. Called to Order at 7:33pm

2. Critical Environmental Areas discussion

Discussion: New draft of the proposed Critical Environmental Areas (CEA) for the Town of New Paltz

Ingrid Haeckel presented the updated CEA proposal consisting of two CEAs: The Shawangunk Ridge CEA and the Plutarch Wetlands and Woods CEA. There was a discussion about whether to stay with original four proposed areas or to reduce the proposal to two CEAs. The Shawangunk Ridge CEA was chosen because it is the area with the most obvious environmental recognition, but the area will face very limited development as much of it is protected, so this CEA may not be best for showing the value of CEAs as few development proposals in this area would come up for review. The Plutarch Wetlands and Woods is chosen as the second CEA because of its environmental importance and the probability of development occurring in the area, especially with the current boom in real estate sales.

2. Motion to submit the updated Shawangunk Ridge and Plutarch Wetlands and Woods CEAs for adoption to the Town Board (Passed 5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by R. Kenji Tierney