

Conservation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018
7:00 pm

Attending: Al Bruno, Mary O'Donnell, Elizabeth Shafer, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Councilman Mike MacIsaac, Members of the public: Carole Furman, Susan Murphy
Guest: Vernon Benjamin

New Business

Presentation on Community Choice Aggregate by Vernon Benjamin

Vernon provided an overview of the Community Choice Aggregation program, and information on a Supervisors and Mayors breakfast that he and Supervisor Costello attended on this topic. CCA is a new state program formulated under Governor Cuomo's Renew the Energy Vision (REV) program that allows municipalities to pool together their communities' electric accounts under a new non-profit that manages the accounts like a utility. The more communities that join the CCA, the better bargaining power the unit will have in securing lower electric rates for these customers. The program is administered by a CCA Administrator, and involves a large public relations campaign followed by letters to all electric users informing them of the new program and giving them the opportunity to opt out if they wish. Two candidates for Administrator, Good Energy and Joule Assets, made presentations to the Supervisors and Mayors. A CCA can offer better (i.e. lower) prices for electricity as well as energy-reduction and sustainability programs that customers can take advantage of to achieve more savings and reduce their carbon footprint. Sustainable Westchester, a CCA involving 20 Westchester County communities, is the pilot program for this model, and has saved customers about \$9 million in utility fees since 2015.

Old Business

The old business on the agenda was deferred due to the lack of a quorum.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.