

**Kent Conservation Advisory Committee, Town of Kent
Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2009**

Attendees

Committee members: George Baum, Bill Buck, David Ehnebuske, Beth Herr. Guests: Jim Baker, Wilma Baker, Jean Ehnebuske, Tom Maxson. Town Board Liaisons: Lou Tartaro.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairperson George Baum.

1. Chairperson's Report

Bottle Bill

Chair George Baum reported that the Bottle Bill has been delayed. A stay was ordered by Judge Thomas Griesa and the court is reviewing the bill.

Coles Mills Road

The Chair stated that he has written to the Kent Fire Chief and Police Chief (and cc'd Town Supervisor Kathy Doherty) and also talked with Bob McMahon, Commissioner of Putnam County Emergency Services, about the status and deteriorating condition of this road. The Chair also plans to meet with the Kent Police Chief on this topic sometime after July 1.

2. Hike Committee

Hike to Wonder Lake State Park

Dave Ehnebuske reported on a hike to Wonder Lake on National Trails Day (June 6). Planned by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, the hike gave people a chance to try out several new trails built by volunteers in that organization. The Chair asked Dave if he could add the new trails to those already on the Wonder Lake map on the CAC website page. Dave said he had already planned to get that information from the NYNJTC folks and add it to the current map. The Chair remarked that he liked the diamond-shaped trail markers used at Wonder Lake. Discussion ensued about trail markers for the Cross-Kent Trail. Beth Herr volunteered to provide information about a commercial printer who makes that makes the trail markers the PCLT and other organizations use.

Summer Hike to California Hill State Forest

It was decided that this hike will be Sunday, July 26, from 10:30 AM – 1 PM, with a break for lunch.

Fall Foliage Hike

This hike was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Oct 4. One suggestion was that the hike could be a “tour of erratics” in the area near Mead Farm.

3. Mead Farm

The Chair reported that Anne Balant-Campbell had arranged for two archaeologists to visit Mead Farm and that he, Tom, and Lou went, too. He stated that the archaeologists believe that Mead Farm offers good possibilities for investigation and that they are working up a proposal. In that regard, the Chair stated that it's important to determine the CAC vision for Mead Farm. He expressed that he hopes the CAC will focus on the activities of a typical colonial farm based on the remnants of the structures there so that Mead Farm becomes a destination for those interested in colonial life.

Discussion ensued about the goals and vision, and Dave Ehnebuske agreed to revise and distribute his “strawman” document based on the discussion.

4. Greening of Putnam

The Chair spoke with Chris Marrone, Clerk to the Putnam County Legislature, about a “green initiatives” committee chaired by legislator Vincent Tamagna. The Chair said it was likely the CAC could get on the agenda for the committee's July meeting.

5. Other

CAC Website

Dave Ehnebuske reported that he had met with Kathy Rady regarding the proposed website. Kathy Rady told Dave that Kathy Doherty had reviewed the mock-up webpages and liked what she saw. Dave said that Kathy Rady has created a private area on the Town's web server where we can post experimental pages for review, and that he and Kathy have worked out a process to move them to the Town's website when they are ready for public viewing.

The CAC will take a summer recess, so there will be no meeting in July or August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ehnebuske
ex-officio recording secretary