

Public Meeting  
Kent Conservation Advisory Committee  
March 15th, 2017, 7PM  
Kent Town Hall  
Agenda

Chairs' report

- PC Soil and Water Spring Seedling Sale for orders before April 21st:  
<http://www.putnamcountyny.com/keepputnamgreen>
- Great Swamp video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owcd6C3bBL0>
- EPA is offering equipment loans to WAVers and other qualifying citizen science efforts in New York State:  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYSDEC/bulletins/18afa28>
- Meet with town supervisor and environmental consultant, March 17th re: Clean Lakes Forum

Committee Reports

Outreach Communication Committee

- Kent CAC Facebook page  
Spring Seedling Sale post, 193 engaged  
Woodcock Walkt, 40  
Almanac, 104  
Signs of Spring poster, 39  
Great Swamp Video, 94
- Mount Nimham Fire Tower Facebook page
- Kent Nature Almanac (Anne reformatted Jan/Feb issues for printing and archiving)
- Kentcac.info and subscription lists
- Town of Kent website

Fire Tower Committee

- Landing replacement
- New and replacement nameplates
- Painting contractors Matt Paul

Kent Conservation Foundation Report

- Press Release/Fundraising (Banksey?)

## Hikes and programs

- Woodcock Walk, April 1, 7:30PM
- Kent Cleanup Day, April 22, 9-1, pick up bags/vests at Kent Police
- Clean Lakes Forum

## Environmental Leaders Learning Alliance (ELLA)

- On Tuesday, April 4 from 10am-3pm Teatown is hosting a free Invasive Forest Pest Workshop. This program is also for adults, and will include presentations on management of emerald ash borer (EAB), an opportunity to get involved in a citizen science project to identify EAB-resistant ash, a talk on the threats posed by hemlock woolly adelgid and elongate hemlock scale, and an introduction to the Tree-SMART Trade approach to preventing future forest pest invasions. The workshop will be led by staff from the Ecological Research Institute and Cornell University. Please keep an eye out for online registration on Teatown's website.
- Teatown Lake Reservation will present "Managing Overabundant Deer in the Lower Hudson Valley", date TBD.

## Clearpool Model Forest

- New York State Outdoor Environmental Education Association (NYSOEA) will be hosting annual conference at the Clearpool facility on October 26th-29th, 2017.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension will be hosting an introduction course on the Shiitake Farm Viability Project on March 10th-11th.
- Clearpool has submitted a proposal to purchase an Enviroscape for the model forest. The Enviroscape is a fantastic hands on teaching tool for discussions and demonstrations on watersheds and pollution.
- Series of invasive plant identification hikes around the county beginning at Clearpool on Saturday May 13th.
- WAC is preparing the educational signs for print. These signs include topics on BMPs, Fen, Invasive bugs and common birds found on property. There will be opportunities to add to our collection of signs in the future as well.

## Other

Kindly notify Beth Herr, herrszur@comcast.net, if you cannot attend. The next meeting of the Kent CAC will be at 7pm on Wednesday, April 19th, at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York. All meetings of the Kent CAC are open to the public.