



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for Monthly CAC Meeting

June 15th, 2022 at 7 PM

Attendees: William Volckmann, Pamela Wadler, Anne Campbell, Roxanne Roth

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public and will be held by online video/telephone conference to make the meeting as accessible to all as possible in the presence of on-going concerns regarding COVID-19.

Meeting Minutes

- Link to meeting minutes:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19Md0rQz-5FCc3CcqusBbdbJsdvj7teSa37ZGDzOZbRs/edit?usp=sharing>

Chair's Report

Update from CAC chair on upcoming events and news affecting conservation activities

- Fishkill Creek Watershed Alliance
 - Letter of support was provided.
- Update on Kent Lakes Association
 - o Kent Lakes Association is hosting a symposium on lake health on June 3, 2022.
 - o Review flyer for information:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vIENvN2YkmzkHXekOuhk8jiHJBn2bkbJ/view?usp=sharing>
- North East Foresters Association
 - o Useful information about forests and forestry in the North East
 - o Current reports published: <http://nefainfo.org/chronological.html>
 - o Upcoming & Past webinars on the topic of forest carbon
 - May 4, 2022 – The Science of Forest Carbon (recording link provided)

- https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2ANDPzJ6tu3n7yBFQPw3y6WN17PGZuO6_P4BGS2OuQhzKDENO4jcYOiC7zVsRqZn.57CEE-8bCcLIInodC?startTime=1651668904000%20Passcode:%20zKg0Vo&&
- May 25, 2022 – Forest Carbon Project Developers
 - Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ye7O_eZpQ4SDkO5jiePsUA
- Recordings for additional the following webinars will be sent out when received from NYSACC:
 - “The science of forest carbon management” (May 11)
 - “Forest Carbon Markets Overview and NRCS Forest Carbon Opportunities” (May 18)
- Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies – always a good resource for scientific papers, upcoming lectures and recordings of past lectures
 - Past lecture recordings: <https://www.caryinstitute.org/news-insights/lecture-videos>
 - Brief recap of recent lecture on Beaver ecology and management (lecture on link above)

KCAC Projects

Review projects the KCAC is currently working on

Climate Smart Communities (CSC)

The Climate Smart Communities committee is a working group to assist the town in achieving Climate Smart goals. The CSC committee will provide an update to the CAC.

The CSC meeting is held monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

- Next CSC meeting is scheduled for July 27th 2022

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Quarterly reports on NRI progress to DEC are due.
- We need volunteers for a scenic survey on ridgelines etc as part of the NRI.

Other CAC projects and items of note

- Transportation alternatives grant is currently under review.
- Congressional appropriation for Lake Carmel Dam- 5.8 million was requested for repair of the lake Carmel dam. Shifting of the dam was first identified in the 1980s.
- E waste day was a success. Measures for more efficient E-Waste day operations in the future were discussed.

Discussion and review of current Land Development Projects in town

- No updates

Town of Kent CAC hikes and events

The Town of Kent CAC has a wonderful inventory of trails and open spaces available for all types of activities, hiking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, and different field sports activities, all here within the town. The CAC encourages everyone to get out and explore our wonderful outdoors. As part of our work, the CAC holds different outdoor events throughout the year to bring folks together for a fun activity combined with some history of the local town.

Planning for new events

- Potential star party on September 24th?
- Kent recreation director, James Hoffman wants to expand offerings to include nature walks and nature programming. Perhaps we could partner with him to arrange/ provide?

Social Media Outreach Report

Review activity on Facebook and other social media outlets

Kent Conservation Foundation Report

Receive a report from the Kent Conservation Foundation

Kent Conservation and Kent CAC are always building and maintaining a list of volunteers who are interested in working on the Nimham fire tower and related stewardship activities

Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, July 20th, 2022 at 7:00PM by WebEx video/telephone conference.

Contact

For further information about the CAC, including projects the CAC is working on or our meetings, please contact Bill Volckmann, CAC Chair at cac@townofkentny.gov or 914-671-2764.