



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for Monthly CAC Meeting

November 15th at 7:00 pm

Attendees: William Volckmann, Pamela Wadler, Kathy Kahng, Roxanne Roth, Courtney Steininger

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

- Meeting regarding community garden at Kent library happening on 11/21.

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.

- No new updates

Food Scrap Recycling

- Perhaps could be done through the town at Town Hall?
- Could bins be set up by police station and someone could move aside full bins and pull out empty ones to fill as needed.
 - Who does? Town employee or volunteer?
- Bins would need to be bear proof- are there any other towns out there with bears using bear proof bins?
- To get started, launch a town wide survey to see who is interested and then start a pilot program.
- Special permitting is not needed.
- Town of Carmel at one point had in house compost processing? Find out more?
- Some Kent CAC members attended a tour of Scarsdales foodscrap recycling facility on 11/9.

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Draft of Kent NRI has been released, see bills email from 11/9.

Discussion and review of current Land Development Projects in town

- None this week

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

- Winter hike in January, Barre Hill?
- Winter star party?

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

- No news

Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

- CAC holiday gathering to be held on Wednesday December 14th at Cutillo's restaurant, 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, January 18th 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.