

Please note the date change due to the anticipated snow!

Public Meeting

Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

March 20, 2018, 7 PM

Kent Town Hall

Minutes

Attendees: Bill Buck, Anne Balant Campbell, Dave Ehnebuske, and Phil Tolmach

1. Minutes, February 21, 2018 were not approved
2. Committee reports
 - o Outreach
 - Kent CAC Facebook – *no report*
 - Mount Nimham Fire Tower Facebook - *no report*
 - Kent Nature Almanac is getting positive feedback from readers
 - Kentcac.info has not had much traffic
 - o Fire Tower Committee
 - Renewal of Stewardship Agreement by KCF has been submitted. *No report*
3. Activity status reports
 - o The letter drafted by Bill Buck re the use of road salt was approved by the committee, signed by Dave Ehnebuske, and was sent to the Town Highway Department, with copies sent to the Town Board. Copies of the letter were forwarded to Judy Terlizi of the Putnam County Land Trust and Jim Utter, President of Friends of the Great Swamp.
 - o DEP 5-year Horsepound Unit (Hawk Rock) permit renewal: Dave has been in conversation with Matt Castro of the DEP issue who has requested additional items, including proof of liability insurance. This has been requested from Town Supervisor Maureen Fleming. The DEP also has requested some work items including:
 - a. Posting of a sign explaining that this is a watershed area and explaining its importance. Dave is asking for clarification re the specific wording.
 - b. Clean-up campfire pit at Hawk Rock
 - c. Monitoring of usage, which could be facilitated by the digital logbook
 - o Status of NYS Parks and Trails Grant – *(not discussed in absence of Bill V.)*

4. Hikes and programs

- Woodcocks and Moonlight, March 31, 7:30 PM
- Kent Clean Up Day April 21 cleanup – discussed the possibility of starting at 1:00 PM instead of the morning start time announced by the town.
- Hawk Rock Hike, May date tbd
- Night of Fireflies at Town Center, June date tbd
- Butterfly Ramble, July date tbd
- Lakes Forum, September?
- Mount Nimham Hike, October date tbd

5. Chair's report *-omitted due to Beth's absence*

- Kent Lakes Committee January 20 meeting
- Blue-Green Algae Info Session, January 23
- Bedford 2020 Summit, February 3
- Model Forest February meeting

6. Other

- A 50 acre parcel will be made available from the developer of the hotels and water park along Rt. 52 near Bowen Road. KCAC should make a proposal on how it might be used.

Kindly notify Beth Herr, herrszur@comcast.net, if you cannot attend. The next meeting of the Kent CAC will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York. All meetings of the Kent CAC are open to the public.