

# Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for Monthly CAC Meeting January 18th 2022

Attendees: William Volckmann, Pamela Wadler, Chris Ruthaven, Roxanne Roth, Courtney

Steininger, Anne Campbell and Bill Buck

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**

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### Chair's Report

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

Welcome to 2023!

### **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.

- Food scrap composting pilot still being discussed.
  - Meeting with Sustainable Putnam occurred last week. Discussions at board level are ongoing RE bins that are bearproof.
  - A company called 'curbside pickup' has given some info on their pickup services and pricing.

- Location still being discussed.
- Funding granted for pedestrian and cycle path in town
- Contract for drawing plans for path along east side of lake carmel to dam has been awarded.
- Additional path from dam to Ryan Park in discussion.
- Still waiting to hear back RE NY forward grant.

#### **Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)**

- Draft of Kent NRI has been released, see bills email from 11/9.
- CAC to read through conservation/recommended action section and send feedback, or attend NRI meeting Monday.
- Q4 Hours are due.
- Meeting date has changed to the 4th Wednesday of the month.

#### E-Waste

- Online postings for DEC currently state that Kent Recycling center has free E waste disposal but this needs to be corrected as it is not currently true.
- Current DEC list has outdated locations.
- Anne is talking to Samar RE e-waste trailer cost. Placement would need to be discussed.

#### **Development updates**

Revised mining code is almost complete.

#### 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

None at this time

### Social Media Outreach Report

Review activity on Facebook and other social media outlets

No news

## Kent Conservation Foundation Report

Receive a report from the Kent Conservation Foundation

No news

## Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, February 15th 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 <a href="mailto:cac@townofkentny.gov">cac@townofkentny.gov</a> or 914-671-2764.