



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for Monthly CAC Meeting

January 17th at 7:00 pm

Attendees: William Volckmann, Bill Buck, Anne Campbell, 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.

Meeting Minutes

- Link to meeting minutes:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nHLx7O2LGcEVOHntpLmJwbT0cYHyuzHzMdx9ZTp8f8/edit>

Chair's Report

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

- CAC currently looking for two additional members to join.

Grant Updates

- Town of Kent applied for NRI digital mapping to create a ground water protection plan plus maps.
- Grant for Nimham statue at Senator Harkam's office awaiting final confirmation.
- A grant for pedestrian and cycling access planning has been applied for. Would cover planning for pedestrian and cycling lanes, sidewalks etc. Also includes planning for bridge over wetlands area and open space plan.
 - Anne is currently looking to put together steering committees for open space pedestrian and cycling plan.
 - Town is applying for an energy efficiency grant for old town hall.

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

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Indexing is underway. Hudsonia is obligated to print 100 copies NRI.
- We may not need all 100 printed copies. Currently we think we need:
 - 18 for planning board
 - 21 for the library
 - 10 for town board
 - Additional for DOT, building inspector etc
 - Total estimated need: 50 copies, 30 of which should contain the biodiversity study.

Pollinator Garden Implementation

- Anne attempted to apply for additional funding for this but grant was expired.

Discussion and review of current Land Development Projects in town

- Mining and soil removal bill voting occurred and was unanimous for implementation of code.

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

- Earth day cleanup?
- Woodcock walk?

Social Media Outreach Report

Review activity on Facebook and other social media outlets

- CAC needs someone to take over facebook page.

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 3rd Wednesday of the month, Feb 21st

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.