



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for Monthly CAC Meeting

September 21st 2022 at 7 PM

Attendees: William Volckmann, Pamela Wadler, 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 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

- Update on soil and water conservation district grant
 - Kent was not able to apply for this year as the deadline came up too fast however, grantor said they were doing again next year and the town should apply.
 - Two options for projects may include the community pollinator garden at town hall or finishing the NRI.
- Update on NYS conference on environment and recycling conference
 - Bill V is sending recycling conference info to Bill B to share with other recycling center associates.

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.

- Awaiting an update on green house gas study.
- Submissions to obtain a grant for walking path to Edward Ryan Park from the Lake Carmel dam and to create a cycling path from Farmers Mills area to Huestis park have been submitted.

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Bill reminds anyone who does work on the NRI to please post their hours to the tracking sheet.
- Otherwise no new developments at this time.

Other projects and items of note

- September star party was a success. If done at the same time next year maybe start a little later?
- Highlights included visibility of Jupiter and Saturn and a surprise appearance by a SpaceX rocket launching starlink satellites.

Discussion and review of current Land Development Projects in town

- Nichols Road project moving forward.
- Project behind the recycling center is seeking an easement to have access to land behind the center to allow for entry onto the property.

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

- October 15th fall foliage hike at Nimham.

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

- Roxanne to start adding agenda to website along with meeting minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, October 19th 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.