

## Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Public Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2021, 7:30 PM

**Attendees:** Bill Volckmann, Chair, Bill Buck, Anne B. Campbell, Pamela Wadler, Chris Ruthven, Town Board Liaison

### Chair's Report

- Review NYS DEC Land Use 101 webinar series
  - Recent webinar series was recorded covering wetlands
  - A reminder to look at all webinars put out by the NYS DEC at their Land Use 101 webinar web site:
    - <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5094.html#Training>
- Update on Kent Lakes Association
  - Regular meetings are held “virtually” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7PM using Zoom. Link to be posted before each meeting (ask for the link, if you are interested in joining a KLA meeting). Meetings are open to any interested persons in town.
  - The Kent Lakes Association hosted a series of educational forums on improving water quality and enjoyment of lake water bodies. These forum recordings are available for review online.

### KCAC Projects

#### Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Update on Kent Biodiversity Inventory project
  - Bill and Beth have been working with visiting biologists on liverworts and primitive insects that may be found on them. Insect samples are being sent to University of Connecticut for their collection, with the exception of craneflies, which are being sent to Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa, Canada. Bill recently found a rare galium sphinx moth at his house.

#### Other CAC projects

- The KCAC table at Kent Community Day had a number of visitors who expressed interest in Community Solar and/or Climate Smart. New additions to the email listserve have been forwarded to Dave Ehnebuske.
- Highlands Trail / North Putnam Greenway trail project with NYNJ Trail Conference has been working on planning trails on Cranberry Mountain in Patterson.
- Discussed the site of the former town dump on Ressique St. including water testing on the site and the use of the composting facility.

## **Development Projects in Town of Kent**

- Discussed the concept of ride line protection ordinance and the concept of terraced designs.

## **Planning for new events**

The KCAC will host the traditional Nimham fall foliage hike to the fire tower on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> depending on the availability of volunteers. Start time will be 10 or 11 AM. Bill V. will speak to Ed Illiano and others about helping. Anne will put an announcement on the facebook page and ask Dave to notify the listserve. Pamela will create a press release.

## **Social Media Outreach Report**

The facebook page continues to be active.

## **Kent Conservation Foundation Report**

### **Updates on Nimham Mountain fire tower stewardship**

- A fire tower maintenance day was held on September 21, 2021 with a small crew of volunteers who worked several hours to paint over graffiti vandalism on the Nimham Mountain fire lookout tower. The day was successful, the tower looks great!
- KCF and CAC will establish a plan to clear brush around the corbelled stone chamber on Nimham Mountain

## **Next meeting**

The October 2021 CAC meeting will back to our regular schedule of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, October 20, 2021 at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held via WebEx.

## **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](mailto:cac@townofkentny.gov) or 914-671-2764.