



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Monthly CAC Update Meeting
Public Meeting Agenda
February 17, 2021 at 7 PM

NOTE: This public meeting will be held by conference call due to the standing Emergency Order in NYS and Putnam County mandating all in-person meetings and gatherings be cancelled, postponed or otherwise held by video or conference call to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

Online Meeting Details

Join from the meeting link

<https://kentconservationfoundation.my.webex.com/kentconservationfoundation.my/j.php?MTID=mb7c714ecb35050be719aa5d33158cf11>

Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 142 809 0822

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Meeting Minutes

Review and approve minutes from November 2020 meeting

Chair's Report

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

- Review of upcoming NYS legislation
 - EPS foam container and loose fill packaging ban – effective January 01, 2022
 - Food scrap donation and recycling – effect January 01, 2022
- NYC DEP Forest Management planning
 - NYC DEP properties located in the Town of Kent
 - Awaiting further information from NYC DEP
- Trees for Tribes
 - Program offering free trees and shrubs for replanting of stream-side forests for eligible landowners in the Croton Watershed
 - <https://www.nycwatershed.org/forestry/implementation/trees-for-tribs/>
- Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) announced they are accepting grant applications for 2021 for management and outreach activities related to invasive species in the Lower Hudson Valley region.
 - <https://www.lhprism.org/apply-projects-or-funding>
 - Applications due by February 22, 2021
- Scenic Hudson Virtual Conference – Using Scenic Hudson's Solar Mapping tool
 - Review of meeting held on January 21, 2021
- Review NYS DEC Land Use 101 webinar series
 - Review of NRI planning webinar held January 26, 2021.
 - 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 to bring together the various HOA (home owners associations)/LOAs (lake owners associations) which have a lake as part of their property along with any others interested to discuss water quality issues and updates around lakes located in Town of Kent.
 - Most lakes in Town of Kent are private property, however, all KLA meetings are open to the public to discuss valuable water quality issues and water management ideas.
 - Meetings to be generally held virtually on the 3rd 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).
 - The Kent Lakes Association will be hosting a series of educational forums on improving water quality and enjoyment of lake water bodies. These forums will be held via Zoom each third Thursday of the month. The educational forum forum schedule is:

- Thursday, February 18, 2021, 7:00 PM - Geese Management
- Thursday, March 18, 2021, 7:00 PM - Invasive Plant Management
- Thursday, April 15, 2021, 7:00 PM - Shoreline and Buffer Landscaping Techniques
- Thursday, May 20, 2021, 7:00 PM - Septic System Maintenance
- The presenter for the February 18 forum on Geese Management is Stephan Beffre, a Certified Wildlife Biologist with the Wildlife Services Department of the USDA . The presentation will consist of a discussion of geese biology and habitat characteristics, some of the hazards and difficulties of geese and a detailed description and video of various practical hands-on geese control methods. Following the presentation, Stephan will be available to answer questions.
- Meeting information for the February 18, 2021 meeting is as follows:
 Topic: Geese Management
 Time: Feb 18, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877083251>

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- An informational brochure for this forum on geese management is included in the CAC meeting details.

KCAC Projects

Review projects the KCAC is currently working on

Climate Smart Communities (CSC)

- Update from CSC sub-committee
- Review CSC Committee structure
- Discuss possible grant opportunities for CSC

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Discuss possible grant and funding opportunities for NRI
 - Review grant funding through the Putnam County Soil & Conservation District for NRI work
- Discuss any updates on RFQ response from Hudsonia to work on the NRI

- Update on Kent Biodiversity Inventory project
 - Diversity data of known species forthcoming from NYS DEC to assist with survey – delayed because DEC is tasked with other activities now

Other CAC projects

- Highlands Trail / North Putnam Greenway trail project with NYNJ Trail Conference

Development Projects in Town of Kent

- Receive update from Town of Kent Planning board on existing or new development projects in the town
- Discuss proposed changes to the town code to accommodate soil removal, excavation and mining in connection with proposed projects in the Town of Kent and the response to the town board from the CAC and Planning Board.

Town of Kent CAC hikes and events

The Town of Kent CAC encourages all residents to get out and explore our wonderful outdoors while being responsible and maintaining a safe, social distance from other hikers during this 2019-COVID issue. There are many hiking trails available in this area where people can hike independently and enjoy time outdoors.

Planning for new events

- Mushroom walk at Clearpool: POSTPONED due to COVID19 meeting limitations
- Astronomy night: POSTPONED due to COVID19
 - We have reached out to Westchester Astronomers Club as co-hosts

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

Updates on Nimham Mountain fire tower stewardship

- Nimham fire tower will require painting when the weather warms up - Date TBD
- Trash pick-up is needed – Date TBD
- KCF and CAC will establish a plan to clear brush around the corbelled stone chamber on Nimham mountain in Spring 2021

Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

The next meeting date for the Conservation Advisory Committee will be February 17, 2021 at 7:00PM, to be held as a video/telephone conference 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 or 914-671-2764.