



# Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Monthly CAC Update Meeting  
Public Meeting Agenda  
January 20, 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*

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## Online Meeting Details

### Join from the meeting link

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

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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

- Trees for Tribs
  - Program offering free trees and shrubs for replanting of stream-side forests for eligible landowners in the Croton Watershed
  - Bruce Barber, Town of Kent Environmental Planner, will be meeting with East of Hudson Watershed Forester on January 25, 2021 to conduct site inspections for possible tree plantings
  - Lake community and/or other sites which may benefit from tree plantings should contact the CAC and/or Bruce Barber to be added to the site review list.
  - <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
  - Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 5:30PM
  - Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsc--vqTwiEtFQq6XrHLY9f4hjTby2cvH2>
- Review NYS DEC Land Use 101 webinar series
  - <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5094.html#Training>
- Update on Kent Lakes Association
  - Meetings to be generally 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).
  - Next Kent Lakes Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7PM.
- Discuss CAC meeting details on ToK web site, including meeting dates/times, agendas and minutes

## 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
- Receive update from town board on work toward developing a mining ordinance

### **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

- NYS DEC Forest Preserve Fire Tower Stewardship funding opportunity
  - Funding available for maintenance and projects related to fire towers
  - Funding available for stewardship project staffing expenses
  - Applications due by February 12, 2021
- Nimham fire tower will require another painting when the weather warms up, date TBD
- Trash pick-up is needed, 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](mailto:cac@townofkentny.gov) or 914-671-2764.