



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Monthly CAC Update Meeting
Public Meeting Agenda
November 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>

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Meeting number (access code): 142 809 0822

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Meeting Minutes

Review and approve minutes from October 2021 meeting

Chair's Report

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

- 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 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). 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.
- Spotted lanternfly
 - Keep alert for egg masses which appear around this time of year
 - Eliminate egg masses to reduce the spread of spotted lanternfly
 - Search vehicles for egg masses, especially before a long trip
 - There are many useful resources and references available online
 - A handful of these references includes:
 - <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113303.html>
 - <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly>
 - <https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2020/august/spotted-lanternfly-invasive-pest/>
 - <https://blog.davey.com/2021/07/spotted-lanternflies-predators/>

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 a brief update on the workings of this committee.

The CSC meeting is held monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

- Next CSC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Review the recent grant win for a \$49,960 grant from the NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program to engage work on the NRI
- Review status of contract with Hudsonia
- Biodiversity Inventory project - Receive an update
 - Project being performed by colleagues of the CAC to perform a full biodiversity inventory of flora and fauna living in our local area

Other CAC projects

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

Development Projects in Town of Kent

- Discussion regarding proposed changes to the town code to accommodate soil removal, excavation and mining in connection with proposed land development projects in the Town of Kent and the response to the town board from the CAC and Planning Board.
- Updates from Planning Board and/or Town Board regarding upcoming or new projects

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

- Astronomy night
 - Proposed star viewing evening of December 11, 2021 with alternate date of December 12, 2021 at the Town Hall
 - The Town will shut off local area and parking lot lighting during this event to assist with night sky viewing.
- New Year's Day hike
 - Discuss proposed locations for this hike and who is available from the CAC to help

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

- KCF and CAC is still working on a plan to clear brush around the corbelled stone chamber on Nimham Mountain

Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

Discuss dates for the December 2021 CAC.

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.