



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Agenda for Monthly CAC Meeting
October 19, 2022 at 7 PM

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.

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

Meeting password: WDeEMfPE825 (93336373 from phones and video systems)

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Meeting Minutes

Review and approve minutes from September 2022 meeting

- September 2022 meeting minutes:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lxEPBa17q29xjOvi7rlb7Q-29w-9vYTbEW7AekREOiE/edit>

Chair's Report

- Upcoming event on October 20, 2022, 4:30-6PM – Participatory Science: Research with a purpose (hybrid meeting)
 - Discussion around engaging non-scientists citizens in scientific research, the value of this in policymaking and how to maximize the impact
 - Registration:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/participatory-science-research-with-a-purpose-tickets-407659409267>
- NYSACC
 - Review of NYS Conference on the Environment held on October 6, 2022
- Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)
 - Overview, upcoming webinars
 - Upcoming Fall '22 Conference – November 2-3 in Rocky Hill, CT
 - <https://nerc.org>

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.

- Update on greenhouse gas inventory
- Update on two grant proposals being looked at by Town Councilmember Anne Campbell-Balant
 - Walking/cycling trail plan
 - Grant to fund updates to the Kent Comprehensive Plan

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

- Next CSC meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022 at 7:00PM
- CAC members and public are welcome to join CSC meetings

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- Review of last NRI meeting held on September 15 and progress toward NRI
- Review of project hours tracking sheet for anyone who works on the NRI project, as required by the DEC contract
 - Link to NRI project hours tracking sheet:
- Next NRI team meeting is scheduled a virtual meeting (via WebEx) on October 20, 2022 at 7:00PM. CAC members are invited to join the NRI meeting.
- Update on biodiversity Inventory project

Other CAC projects

Discussion and review of current Land Development Projects in town

- Updates from Town Council regarding any new progress toward updates to the town code to accommodate soil removal, excavation, and mining in the Town of Kent
- Town Council and/or Planning Board updates to CAC re: possible new or updated projects which require advisory input from the CAC

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.

- Review of Nimham Mountain hike on October 15.

Planning for new events

- Discuss other hikes and events for planning
- Set date for next Star Party!

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held as a virtual meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, October 19, 2022 at 7:00PM by WebEx video/telephone conference.

NOTE: The NYS Committee on Open Government has determined that non-decision making municipal committees may continue to hold virtual meetings, as long as those meetings are held “open” to anyone who wishes to attend, per open meetings requirements in NYS.

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.