



# Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Monthly CAC Update Meeting  
Public Meeting Agenda  
November 18, 2020 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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## Meeting information

**The following meeting information is shared to enable this meeting in lieu of an in-person meeting at the town hall.**

Town of Kent CAC Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2020 7:00 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Meeting Link

**<https://kentconservationfoundation.my.webex.com/kentconservationfoundation.my/j.php?MTID=m880dee080aa5115127e63832de81a492>**

Meeting number: 126 797 9029

Password: KentCAC\_NOV2020 (53682220 from phones and video systems)  
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Join by phone

+1-646-992-2010 United States Toll (New York City)

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: 126 797 9029

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## Meeting Minutes

Review and approve minutes from October 2020 meeting

## Chair's Report

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

***For this October meeting we will dedicate our time to celebrate Beth Herr's community service in our 'virtual' meeting.***

- Review NYS DEC Land Use 101 webinar series
  - <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5094.html#Training>
- Update on Kent Lakes Association
  - Next Kent Lakes Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7PM.
- Discuss CAC meeting minute updates on ToK web site – minutes are not up to date

## 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 possible avenue of funding through the Putnam County Soil & Conservation District for NRI work
- Hudsonia bid for 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

Updates on Nimham Mountain fire tower stewardship

- Fire tower was painted for maintenance and graffiti cover
  - Needs another painting
- Trash pick-up is needed
- KCF looking to clear brush around the corbelled stone chamber

## Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

Establish next meeting date – Discuss December 2020 meeting

- Possible next virtual meeting on December 16, 2020 @ 7:00PM
- Format depends on meeting restrictions in effect by this meeting time
  - When in-person meetings resume meetings will be held as a hybrid with in-person and video/audio conference in order to accommodate everyone and encourage participation join the CAC meetings.

## 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.