



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Monthly CAC Update Meeting
Public Meeting Agenda
September 16, 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

Meeting information

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

Meeting Information

Town of Kent CAC Monthly meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:00 pm | 1.5 hours | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Meeting Information

Meeting link:

<https://kentconservationfoundation.my.webex.com/kentconservationfoundation.my/j.php?MTID=ma5310aae0cd18d0574980d1bcbbef93c>

Meeting number:

126 575 4511

Password:

cwPdAyuJ588 (29732985 from phones and video systems)

Join by phone:

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

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code:

126 575 4511

Meeting Minutes

Review and approve minutes from August 2020 meeting

Chair's Report

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

- Review NYS DEC Land Use 101 webinar series
 - <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5094.html#Training>
 - No new webinars scheduled for August or September
 - Webinar series topics coming up (multi-day topics) in collaboration with the NYS DEC and Hudsonia
 - Wetlands: Identification and Protection of an essential resource, September 21-24, 3:00pm to 4:30pm each day
- Update on Kent Lakes Association
 - Next Lakes Association meeting scheduled for September 19, 2020
- Harmful algae blooms (HABs)
 - Summer is here. Be on the lookout for HABs in our lakes and waters!
 - Information and reporting page: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/83310.html>
- Arts on the Lake photo contest

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 COVID meeting limitations
- Astronomy night: date and location TBD – we have reached out to Westchester Astronomers Club as co-hosts
 - Awaiting contact from the astronomer's club to review possible locations
 - Town Center is the preferred site due to parking and accessibility

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

- Maintenance date (graffiti painting) to be scheduled

Meeting End

Final comments from anyone

Establish next meeting date – Wednesday, October 21, 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 or 914-671-2764.