



Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee

Agenda for Monthly CAC Meeting
September 20, 2023 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

Kent CAC Meeting

Wednesday, September 20 · 7:00 – 8:30pm

Time zone: America/New_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/dnd-owfj-hka>

Or dial:

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/dnd-owfj-hka?pin=1696116233782>

Meeting Minutes

Review and approve minutes from July 2023 meeting

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OyajLuwEMWf7m3JAyclhvFKZ9Xz1hmKw/view?usp=sharing>

Chair's Report

- Team review of Putnam 4H Fair
- NYSACC conference
 - AVID – aviddeer.com
 - Project to Access Vegetation for Impacts from Deer
 - Mobile app
- NRI is rolling along
 - NRI was presented to the town planning board
- Ongoing NYS DEC Conservation and Land Use Webinars
 - Great sources of information for conservation activities.
 - Past webinars can be found here → <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/120539.html>

KCAC Projects

Review projects the KCAC is currently working on

Kent Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

- NRI Draft 08SEP2023 is available for CAC and NRI team members to review and comment on. Please review and provide commentary
 - Link to latest DRAFT document:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y6z-AMKHmrzqoFWLoPVkYZYnZ8IUTuxp/view?usp=sharing>
- On more NRI team meeting before DRAFT document is sent to Blackman designs for publication design
 - NRI meeting date September 25, 2023 at 7:00PM
- Update on biodiversity Inventory project
 - BV is working on a web page for updates to the biodiversity documents

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.

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

- Next CSC meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2023 at 7:00PM
- CAC members and public are welcome to join CSC meetings

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.

Planning for new events

- Discuss planning for other hikes and events
- Date for next Star Party

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

- Nimham Fire Tower painting – Update from KCF

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 18, 2023 at 7:00PM by video/telephone conference.

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.