



**Town of Poughkeepsie
Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC)**

**Monday July 29, 2019, 7:30 PM
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall**

CAC members present:

Susan Karnes Hecht, Kerstin Cruger, Margaret Slomin

Business items:

1. Continue review of Natural Resource Inventories

Prior to the meeting, Kerstin reviewed our spreadsheet on which we gathered information during review of NRIs from other municipalities. She identified essential, in-common NRI elements and also added a few items that have been of interest to us, particularly climate-related and cultural resources. The new document produced is shared in Google Drive. She denoted if the Town already has a specific item and gave the URL if possible. We added a few more items; Kerstin will update the file and advise when complete. We will then be able to move to the next step. She recommends that, if we have not, we familiarize ourselves with the Planning site where these links exist. Susan noted that climate-related issues in particular will present the opportunity to intersect with the new Climate Smart Task Force.

2. Planning for Invasive Species workshop 8/13/19

Susan will confirm arrangements with presenters and building.

Susan will follow up regarding town email distribution.

We would like Pam to do the introductions that evening.

Margaret will do press release for Poughkeepsie Journal, Southern/Northern Dutchess News, Beacon Free Press.

Kerstin will add workshop to online event calendars - Hudson Valley Magazine and Poughkeepsie Journal

We reviewed the contact list that Susan developed and where the flyer has been sent.

We should have a CAC interest sign-up sheet (name, contact email and phone, address/ward) – Susan will create document.

3. Participation in community events and increasing CAC presence/membership

Margaret will share list of potential events.

Walkway event 8/16, she is a volunteer there and will ask if we can put out literature.

Hudson Valley Ramble - multiple events in September, not all relevant or appropriate.

Arlington Street Fair October 22

We need tabling materials: sign-up/interest, and something promotional to hand out.

4. Updates

Climate Smart: Susan reported that the Town Board passed the resolution on 7/10 creating the Task Force and appointing her as chairperson. It's a robust group and includes Ann Shershin (Ward 6 Rep) and Kristen Gaynor (Planner) from the Town. The first organizational meeting is scheduled for 8/5. Our guide through this process is Michelle Gluck from Cornell Cooperative Extension. As the group ramps up it is likely that Susan will need to hand off CAC "recording secretary" duties to someone else. She will continue for now as we hope to identify new CAC members. At Kerstin's suggestion, Susan will put templates for agenda/minutes and some practical information such as how to arrange building use on Google Drive.

Boy Scout Trail Project: prior to the meeting Pam Kingsley reported that she had contacted Jessica Lopez and was awaiting more info.

HV Food System Coalition: Kerstin will attend subgroup on Centralized Processing & Aggregation (composting)

Next meeting: Monday 8/26/19 at 7:30 pm

Minutes recorded by Susan Karnes Hecht