



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

**Monday August 26, 2019 at 7:30 PM  
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall**

CAC members present: Pamela Kingsley, Susan Karnes Hecht, Kerstin Cruger, Margaret Slomin

Guest: Lorraine Mirabella, town resident interested in learning more about CAC

Agenda items:

- Continue discussion of Natural Resource Inventory

We familiarized Lorraine with the NRI process. We discussed the status of the relevant grant and need to know what will occur once it is approved. Margaret will reach out to Mike Welti to follow up on their prior conversation about the grant. We also need to know the target date for finishing the comprehensive plan. By the next meeting, each of us will work with the second page of the checklist to identify priority NRI elements; Kerstin will revise the spreadsheet to facilitate this task. Susan will review climate elements in particular for points of intersection with Climate Smart. She suggested that we should present to the Town Board about the CAC's activities later in the year.

- Community events and increasing CAC presence/membership

We plan to participate in:

- Apple Cider Ramble at Peach Hill Park on Saturday 9/28/19 from 1-4 pm

Pam and Margaret are point people for this event and available to attend. Pam will contact Tom Meyering (Parks) and Jennifer Kennell (Friends of Peach Hill) and will follow up with Vassar College interns who did Invasives presentation, regarding activities.

- Arlington Street Fair on Saturday 9/21/19 from 12-6 pm

Susan has arranged with Jay Baisley to have space in the Town's booth for CAC and Climate Smart displays and is working on a display that we can take to various events, with assistance from Michelle Gluck at Cornell Cooperative Extension. She will get more information regarding parking, etc. Susan will be there for the duration on behalf of both committees and will welcome company.

Lorraine is a volunteer on the Walkway and at Barrett Art Center and will watch for tabling opportunities. We should keep an eye on Arlington Farmer's Market, we are not sure this is a valuable opportunity.

Updates:

- Climate Smart Task Force

Susan reported on the task force's first meeting on 8/5/19. She is very enthusiastic about the talent and expertise in the group. Initially the members are becoming acquainted with the program

and studying the actions to identify areas of personal interest, in order to move ahead with the Climate Smart Assessment. This will provide the task force with a road map forward. Michelle Gluck is nearing completion of the Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Tool and will be presenting it to the Board, ideally in the fall. Town email addresses have been established for both CAC and CSC, and Susan is working with Mark Fink to establish a web page for CSC. With CSC ramping up, Susan needs to hand off "recording secretary" duties for CAC.

- Boy Scout Trail Project

No significant updates. Pam will follow up with Jesscia Lopez and the Scoutmaster.

Next meeting: Monday 9/23/19 at 7:30 pm

Minutes recorded by Susan Karnes Hecht