



TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE

Conservation Advisory Commission

Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES (held via Zoom link)

Present: CAC Members: Chair Pam Kingsley, Susan Karnes Hecht, Margaret Slomin, Lorraine Mirabella. Maribeth Rubenstein absent. The resignation of Caroline Fenner is pending. Online meeting facilitator: Michael Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development.

Meeting called to order: 7:04 p.m.

Minutes from 2/28/2022 approved. Going forward, draft minutes should be in the Drive and sent to members two Fridays before the meeting (on the fourth Monday). Pam to include a link on the agenda the Friday before the meeting.

Agenda:

1. **Earth Day update:** Pam attached a spreadsheet to the agenda which includes the clean-up locations, volunteers, and other pertinent info. She will put the meeting times at each site. She will follow up with Jay Baisley and Bill Carlos. Board members are the point people. Once the spreadsheet is done, Susan will print a one-page flier with the CAC logo and all the necessary info and put it on social media.
2. **Climate Smart update:** Susan spoke of an accomplishment under the NYS Clean Energy Community Program; the community solar campaign through NYSERDA for low income people signed up 25 residents and 19 more are in the pipeline. Twenty-five was the minimum for the action. Four high-impact actions were completed, including solar, which means the Town is eligible for two grants. Upon application, there is a possible \$5,000 grant which can be used as we wish, and a \$15,000 grant that requires use on specific projects. The same four actions can be used for Climate Smart. Susan mentioned the concept of a Green Business challenge as proposed by a new member who is a business owner.
3. Pam inquired as to the status of the grant for the flood study of the New Hamburg waterfront. Mike said he expects it in late spring or summer. Then an RFP has to be prepared.
4. **EML-CAC Roundtable:** Pam, Susan, Lorraine are attending.
5. **NRI update:** Next MJ meeting is in mid-April. As of now, it is expected to go to the Board in May or June. Mike will be speaking to Jackie tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, 4/25/2022, at 7:00, format to be determined