



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

**Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Present: CAC Members Pam Kingsley, Susan Karnes Hecht, Kerstin Cruger, Margaret Slomin

Guests: Lorraine Mirabella (Ward 3), Scout Leader Blaise Blabac and Boy Scouts from Troop 275

- Check in with Scout Troop 275 regarding the creation of a trail in conjunction with the Town of Poughkeepsie. Chair, Pam Kingsley received an email from Councilmember Jessica Lopez explaining that after an exploration of the original proposed site it was determined to have too many impediments to move forward. The Town is still interested in moving forward with the partnership and has identified two new potential sites: The first option is a new trail at Peach Hill Park, and another is a trail, benches or possibly dock slips at the new Eastdale Village Park.
 - Action: Chair, Pam Kinglsey will connect Scout Leader Blaise Blabac with Councilmember Jessica Lopez and Tom Meyering, Park Facilities and Program Director for the Town of Poughkeepsie to continue the conversation regarding the project. The CAC will offer support as needed.
- The membership discussed the proposed sections of the Natural Resources Inventory that would be recommended by the CAC to the Town of Poughkeepsie. Proposed categories have been agreed upon by the group.
 - Action: Kerstin Cruger will summarize the categories with explanations for the next meeting. Nate Nardi-Cyrus of Hudson River Estuary Program will attend the November CAC meeting to help the Commission determine next steps in the process as well as identify existing resources for determined categories.
- Margaret and Susan gave an overview of the 9/28 event at Peach Hill Park. Event planners noted that attendance was lower than past years. It was determined that CAC should definitely have an outreach table for next year but as this is an event driven day we need something to draw people in. Discussion took place regarding other possible venues. Arlington Farmers' Market and Poughkeepsie Farm Project Plant Sale were two possible sites.
 - Action: Follow up with the organizer for the Arlington Farmers' Market, Bob Legacy (<http://arlingtonhasit.org/event/farmers-market/>) to determine if this is a possibility, including any possible fees.
- The CAC will be establishing set procedures to help keep the board organized and productive as we offer more programs and create more partnerships.
- Other Business:
 - Action: Margaret will reach out to the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club (<https://watermanbirdclub.org>) to ask if they are interested in offering a public program co-sponsored by the CAC.

Next meeting: Monday, November 25 @5:30pm (*Please note time change for this meeting date.*)