



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

**Monday November 25, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall**

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

Guests: Lorraine Mirabella, Elizabeth Justin and Nate Nardi-Cyrus of Hudson River Estuary Program

- Minutes from 10.28.19 meeting were approved
- The scheduled December 23rd meeting was rescheduled to December 30th @ 5:30 pending Town of Poughkeepsie approval.
 - **Action:** Chair, Pam Kingsley will contact Town offices to confirm date change, time and meeting space.
- Susan Karnes Hecht, CAC member and Chair of the Climate Smart Task Force (<http://www.townofpoughkeepsie.com/cstf/index.html>) gave an update regarding the work on the Climate Smart Program and discussed possible intersections between CAC and Climate Smart.
 - **Action:** This item will remain permanently on the CAC monthly agenda so the CAC may offer support and work cooperatively with the Climate Smart Task Force.
- Lorraine Mirabella submitted a letter of interest to be appointed a member of the CAC. Councilmember Jessica Lopez has added the appointment to the December 4th Town Council Agenda to be voted on by the members.
 - **Action:** No action required.
- Margaret Slomin reached 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. Margaret is waiting for a return call from the club. The group agreed we would like someone to come speak with us about the types of programs the club could offer in order to determine the best type of public program CAC could co-sponsor for the community.
 - **Action:** Margaret will follow up with the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club to determine if someone would be available to attend the December meeting and speak on behalf of the club.
- Nate Nardi-Cyrus of Hudson River Estuary Program facilitated a conversation around next steps in the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) process. Nate shared resources with the group including an NRI workplan template, timeline template, language from the City of Poughkeepsie's local law mandating its use and the link to the City of Poughkeepsie's completed NRI

(<https://vassar.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=9152f2ec1e7d4650b41509a9c2344a81>). Nate reiterated he is available to help with vetting of the final report and proofing for accuracy. The Town is currently waiting for notification from Albany about the status of a grant that will determine the extent of the work on the NRI.

- **Action:** Pam will talk with Mike Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development about the best way for the CAC to offer a recommendation regarding which items should be included in the NRI based on the groups research.

- **Other Business:** Susan is connecting the filmmaker of *The Pollinators* (<https://www.thepollinators.net/>) with contacts at Marist College and the Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barns to create a partnership opportunity between these organization and the CAC to co-sponsor a showing of the film.
 - **Action:** This item will be included on the December agenda.

Next meeting: Monday, December 30 @5:30

FINAL VERSION OF 11/25 MINUTES | APPROVED AT THE 12/30 MEETING