



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

Monday, April 27 at 7:00 PM
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

Present: CAC Members Kerstin Cruger, Susan Karnes Hecht, Pam Kingsley, Lorraine Mirabella and Margaret Slomin. Online meeting facilitator: Kristen E. Taylor, Town Planner

- Meeting called to order: 7:02pm
- Minutes from 2.24.20 meeting approved. 3.23.20 meeting was cancelled.
- May meeting was rescheduled as it would fall on the national holiday. Meeting moved to May 18th.
 - **Action:** Pam will contact the Town to request new meeting date is posted.
- Lorraine shared a report from the CAC/EMC Roundtable held on February 25th. There are several upcoming trainings in May that have been converted to online. A single use display board for recycling programs is available to borrow for CAC events. Susan signed up for the display board to use at the Arlington Street Fair. DEC recycle right campaign is holding eight events for collaboration with local CACs. This gets 2 points of climate certification for those participating. EMC will be attending local CAC meetings. EMC currently has three vacancies. All CAC members are eligible to be on the EMC.
 - **Action:** No action required.
- Updates on discussion with Town Historian, John Pinna were tabled to the next meeting.
 - **Action:** Pam and Margaret will both reach out to John and report back with any updated information.
- Continued discussion regarding presentation from Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club (<https://watermanbirdclub.org>). Margaret reported that the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club is pleased to hold events co-sponsored by the CAC. With the uncertainty around large gatherings in the near future the group discussed the potential of online events. How would we get the word out? Town emails? Parks Department?
 - **Action:** Margaret will ask the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club if they are equipped to offer online events instead of in-person. CAC will query the Town regarding how to best engage the public and if they have an online platform that could be used for the event.
- Climate Smart Program update including specific actions relevant for CAC; report from Susan. The group is making progress on the Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) grant. Danielle Salisbury of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dutchess County, reached out to discuss partnering with the Town for the Solarize for All Campaign. This program connects low to moderate income level populations with solar energy. This will be presented at the next

Climate Smart meeting before approaching the Town with the possibility of a partnership. Susan is exploring the Clean Energy Communities program as it has several actions in common with Climate Smart including high impact actions such as the Solarize for All Program and changing streetlights to LED. The group has started working on an informational trifold brochure. At the request of Susan the EMC is creating a listserv for Climate Smart Chairs in the area.

- **Action:** No action required.
- Other business:
 - Michael Welti, Director of Municipal Development reported the contract awarded by the DEC had been delivered. CAC will be kept up to date regarding any actions or changes regarding involvement in the Natural Resources Inventory.
 - **Action:** Pam will continue to coordinate with Mike to identify what the group can work on. The CAC will copy Kristen Taylor on email exchanges for the foreseeable future.
 - Susan attended a webinar on how to use the DECinfo Locator Map (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>)
 - **Action:** Susan will send the group her notes from the webinar.
- Meeting adjourned: 7:51pm

Next meeting: Monday, May 18 at 7:00 pm

FINAL VERSION OF 4/27 MINUTES | APPROVED AT THE 5/18 MEETING