



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

**Monday, June 22 at 7:00 PM  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

**Present:** CAC Members Kerstin Cruger, Susan Karnes Hecht, Pam Kingsley and Lorraine Mirabella.  
**Guest:** Nate Nardi-Cyrus of Hudson River Estuary Program, Online meeting facilitator: Michael Welti,  
Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development

1. Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm
2. Minutes from the 5.18.20 meeting approved.
3. NRI Discussion with Michael Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development and Nate Nardi-Cyrus of Hudson River Estuary Program: Nate provided a list of communities they have recently worked with to use as research and to make contact with directly to ask questions about their experience of the process and get samples of RFPs. Mike stated the RFP will be developed and posted on the Town website. There is typically 3-4 weeks to collect responses, review proposals and develop a short list of 2-3 candidates to interview. The Town Board makes the final decision. There is a target date of September to complete this process.
  - **Action:** Pam will reach out to the contacts provided by Nate and gather information for the group to review and develop a draft document.
4. Updates on discussion with Town Historian, John Pinna: John shared several resources with the group including maps highlighting Native American sites and small cemeteries. John will get us more details to add some more specificity to the information. The group discussed how to pull together a list of sites and GIS mapping for the NRI. There is a potential to work with Marist via student interns. John will develop a priority list so the group can decide what should be included. The possibility of an Architectural inventory was also discussed.
  - **Action:** John will come back for the September meeting with more information and updates. Pam will check in with John in August to check progress on the project.
5. Continued discussion regarding presentation from Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club (<https://watermanbirdclub.org>): Margaret was unable to attend this meeting so we will table this topic to the next meeting.
  - **Action:** At the next meeting Margaret will inform the group about a specific topic and find some dates that work for both groups and don't conflict with Town events.
6. Pollinator Pathway Program: Susan is waiting to speak with the Town Supervisor to determine if this is a program the Town would be interested. It is a great way to engage the public and will also give points toward the town's Climate Smart work. Vassar Cooperative is interested in

partnering with the town. Nate recommended looking at and reaching out to Hudson to Housatonic <https://h2hrpc.org> as a resource.

- **Action:** Susan will speak with the Town Supervisor and report back to the group on moving forward.

7. Climate Smart Program update including specific actions relevant for CAC; There is a potential Green Business Challenge in the works. The group is making progress on the Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) grant and the Solarize for All Campaign was being discussed with the Town Supervisor to potentially move that program forward.

- **Action:** No Action Required

8. Meeting adjourned: 8:16 pm

Next meeting: Monday, July 27 at 7:00 pm Location TBD

FINAL VERSION OF 6/22 MINUTES | APPROVED AT THE 7/27 MEETING