



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

**Monday, July 27 at 7:00 PM  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

**Present:** CAC Members Kerstin Cruger, Susan Karnes Hecht, Pam Kingsley, Lorraine Mirabella and Margaret Slomin. 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: 7:03 pm
2. Minutes from 6.22.20 meeting approved
3. NRI/OSP Discussion with Michael Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development, and Nate Nardi Cyrus, Hudson River Estuary Program: Mike has assessed the draft RFP sent in by Pam (input from the committee was given prior). He has some suggestions and edits that he will make and share with the group before a final version is approved. Mike would like one of the deliverables to be a map or graphic that illustrates the vision of what the Town would ultimately like to create for the Open Space Plan. Nate shared City of Kingston's Open Space Vision map as an example.  
[https://www.kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8399/8491/8495/10452/Open\\_Space\\_Vision\\_Map\\_24x36.pdf](https://www.kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8399/8491/8495/10452/Open_Space_Vision_Map_24x36.pdf). Open space and Conservation are an important part of the Comprehensive Plan. Nate recommends these pieces being adopted into the Comprehensive Plan if possible as the Comprehensive Plan will be completed before the NRI/OSP.

**Action:** Mike will make changes to the draft RFP and send to the group to assess and comment before August 7. Mike will also build a timeline/schedule of the process that will start once the RFP is posted.

4. Update from Margaret regarding Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club online presentation (<https://watermanbirdclub.org>): An introductory webinar on birds and birding will be scheduled for Monday, August 31 @7:00 pm dependent upon confirmation of the date by Waterman and the use of the Town Zoom account.

**Action:** Margaret will check in with the Waterman Club about the date. Once confirmed Pam will send formal request to (Jay) Jon J. Baisley, Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor and Tim Millard to use the Town Zoom account. Upon approval of the date Margaret will draft a message for the Poughkeepsie Journal and a flier for the Town to post on the website and Susan to post on the Climate Smart Facebook page.

5. Pollinator Pathway Program: The Town Supervisor's approval has been given to join the Pollinator Pathway Program.

**Action:** Susan will go through the toolkit and create a plan to be presented to the CAC.

6. Climate Smart Program (CSP) update including specific actions relevant for CAC; report from Susan: Comprehensive Plan conversation with the public was very positive and supportive of CSP ideals, issues and programs. CAPI has been delayed to September. CSP has started to work on the fleet inventory. Solar for All has been approved by the Town Supervisor. A

minimum of 25 participants is needed for the program to move forward. There is consideration to put forth the Solar for All program as a resolution for the council to approve. CSP is finishing the streetlight documentation that includes switching to LED. CSP is discussing getting an intern to support the work that is going on. CSP has a new Facebook page. The printed brochure has been created and is ready to be distributed.

**Action:** No action required

7. Meeting adjourned: 8:19 pm

Next meeting: Monday, August 24 at 7:00 pm Location TBD

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