



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

**Monday, August 24 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: Michael Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development

1. Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm
2. Minutes from 7.27.20 meeting approved
3. September meeting date changed to Monday, September 21st

Action: Pam will put in the request to the Town for the September date change.

4. NRI/OSP Discussion with Michael Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development: Three companies have submitted questions regarding the RFP process. RFPs are due by September 4th. Mike will share the submitted RFPs with the group as soon as they are compiled. The group will review the RFPs and weigh in on the proposals at the September meeting. CAC members will put together a short list of potential members (outside the CAC) for the NRI/OSP committee.

Action: Mike will share the submitted RFPs with the group to review before the September meeting. CAC members will develop a short list of potential members for the NRI/OSP committee.

5. Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club online presentation August 31: An eblast was sent to the Town email list and the parks email list. Notice of the event was posted on the front page of the Town website and placed in the Poughkeepsie Journal. Susan also posted the announcement to the Climate Smart Facebook page. Pam will moderate the session and Margaret will do introductions. Susan will talk about the Pollinator Pathway program at the end of the event.

Action: Margaret will correspond with Susan Iannucci to set up the logistics of the webinar. Pam will ask the Town to send a notice out one more time to the town and parks email lists.

6. Climate Smart Program (CSP) update including specific actions relevant for CAC; report from Susan: The Town board adopted the resolution for the Solar for All program unanimously. The scoping document through NYSERDA is being completed and will be submitted shortly. CSP is waiting on direction from the Dutchess County Climate Action Planning Institute; they are hoping to restart the program in September. CSP is working on the fleet inventory in anticipation of the program restarting.

- a. Pollinator Pathway Program Update

Susan has determined a steering committee is needed for the program. Susan has a list of potential collaborators and will invite participants to join the steering committee. After potential organizers are contacted about involvement in the program the map can be created. A pathway will be created based on participating organizations and then the pathway will be filled out by inviting participation from Town residents.

Action: No action required

7. Meeting adjourned: 7:27 pm

Next meeting: Monday, September 21 at 7:00 pm Location TBD

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