



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

**Monday, September 21 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

**Agenda**

1. Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm
2. Minutes from 8.24.20 meeting approved
3. Review of NRI/OSP proposals with Michael Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development: Six proposals were received. The committee adjourned to discuss the proposals and choose final candidates.

**Action:** Mike will set up interviews with final candidates and invite committee members. Committee members will prepare questions for candidates.

4. Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club online presentation assessment and discussion of possibility of other such online presentations: The event had 19 attendees and received favorable feedback. The group agreed there should be a follow-up workshop with the Waterman Club as well as online events with other local groups. It was agreed the online format was accessible and easy and even with a return of in person events this is a preferred format. The group will develop an online series of at least 4 presentations potentially beginning in January 2021.

**Action:** Margaret will work on a preliminary list of workshops that include Waterman, Pollinator Pathway and at least two other potential organizations. Lorraine will support Margaret in this work. Pam will check with the Town to determine if they will continue with the Zoom contract when it is no longer needed for Open Meetings as a possible platform for online events.

5. Climate Smart Program update including specific actions relevant for CAC; report from Susan: Susan met with Michele Gluck and went over the CSP plan to assess where they are in the process. Susan will start updating the committees progress in the online portal. They are making progress on the fleet inventory. CAPI is still delayed. The Solar for All scoping document has been submitted to NYSERDA.

a . Pollinator Pathway Program Update

Lots of interest in the program especially from Vassar. Susan is being mindful to create diverse partnerships within the town and is working to create partnerships with the four public school districts; Spackenkill, Wappingers, Arlington, Hyde Park and the private school Oakwood. There is a possibility for student internships to help with the mapping for the pollinator pathway.

**Action:** Susan will work on scheduling a meeting for organizations interested in participating in the Pollinator Pathway Program.

6. Meeting adjourned: 7:26 pm

Next meeting: Monday, October 26 at 7:00 pm Location TBD

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