

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
October 13, 2010

Members present: Chairwoman Brenda Cagle; Laurie Husted; Susan Ellis; Dr. Jane Ferguson; Denis Collet

Absent: Zoie Riel; Molly Williams; Anne Rubin

Chairwoman Brenda Cagle called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 MEETING: Brenda Cagle noted the following corrections to the minutes of the September meeting: For the first paragraph under Spring Water Collection, the CAC had proposed, and the Intermunicipal Task Force had considered, not including permitting of spring water collection in the proposed Agricultural Business District. The areas currently zoned R3, which are being put into the proposed Agricultural Business District, are allowed to collect spring water by special permit. In line 6 of the first paragraph, A3 should be R3.

For the 10% Challenge, Lisa Glickenhause was planning to do a marathon, and some of her students would play music. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as amended with a motion made by Jane Ferguson and seconded by Laurie Husted.

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY (DCRRA) PROPOSED SOLID WASTE PLAN:

Brenda Cagle announced that there is a comment period on the draft plan which ends October 15, 2010. In her reading of the Summary, she noted that flow control is included. There is a proposal to increase the percentage of recycling, but County Legislator Joel Tyner feels that there should be more emphasis on recycling. CAC members discussed that not only is there a need to increase recycling, but a need to emphasize reuse and reduction, as well as support composting.

10/10/10 EVENTS FOR THE 10 % CHALLENGE: Laurie Husted gave a report on the events for the 10% Challenge kick-off on October 10. The 10% challenge will be a year of events and promotion to encourage a commitment to 10% reduction in energy use.

- Elmendorph Inn – about 8 – 10 took the tour
- The Master Gardener had about 25 visitors
- Councilmen Harry Colgan and Jim Ross spoke about energy efficiency
- Passports – 17 were completed. The village stroll idea, including the passports, was not very successful. Laurie suggested that another shopping event be planned, such as a “shop local” promotion for the holidays. She thought that compiling a list of all the ingredients for Thanksgiving dinner and listing local sources for purchasing them would be a good project.
- Solar home tour – Denis Collet reported that he had about 11 visitors tour his solar home. He added that he would suggest that having 10 events was too ambitious, and also suggested coordinating with Common Fire.

- Composting – Agway reported about 70 people attended the composting presentation, and the store had 6 composting related sales.
- 10% Challenge pledges – Laurie Husted said that 50 were signed, 30 of them from Taste Budd's
- Solar ovens – Les worked with 7 youths to make solar ovens. Laurie Husted added that the Girl Scouts would do a patch for the project and make it an event.
- Electronic and hazardous waste - At the 10/10/10 event, there were about 50 people who brought electronic waste, and were interested in having another collection in April. There will be another County Hazardous Waste Collection Day on November 6, 2010, at the Resource Recovery burn plant. Laurie Husted noted that there is also a business e-waste collection at the Ulster County Transfer Station. She will ask Melissa Everett of Sustainable Hudson Valley to do an e-mail alert for the area. Laurie also suggested working through the Chamber of Commerce.
- Clothing swap - Laurie Husted reported that it was successful.
- Camp Ramapo students did tire pressure checks.

Other comments and suggestions: Denis Collet said that pooling the experience of local renewable energy project would provide a more profound impression of the possibilities and benefits. He would like to see a more permanent and sustainable promotion of alternative energy options. Laurie Husted suggested that information could be included on the CAC website, and asked Denis if he would be willing to host a forum of "Ask an Expert."

Brenda Cagle noted that Molly Williams and Les Cagle suggested that there should be a focus on one geographic space, as events were scattered in many places.

OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES: Brenda Cagle reported that at the October 12 Town Board meeting, a neighbor of Robert McKeon and Denis Collet attended to discuss the issue. Supervisor Sue Crane offered to postpone the discussion until the October 27 Town Board meeting to allow for more public comment. There are laws in effect that stipulate that activities on one person's property should not impact the health and well being of neighbors. There are Department of Environmental Conservation regulations to be followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 10, 2010. *Please note change in time!*
6 P.M. at the Town Hall, to be followed by adjournment at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary