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**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
June 13, 2018

Members present : Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Steve Appenzeller, Lori Urbin, Mike Zelig, Jen Cavanaugh, Julia Solomon (7: 37 P.M.)

Absent: Denis Collet

Guests: Carolyn Cassata, Energize NY Residential Assistant Director
Lauren Brois, Energize NY Director of Residential Services

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM : Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. A quorum was present.

PRESENTATION OF THE EXTRACTION WORKING GROUP: Jen Cavanaugh congratulated Julia Solomon on her presentation to the Town Board on Tuesday June 12, 2018. Julia gave an organized and focused description of the work done by the Group to consider all aspects of extractive actions and potential proposals in the Town.

The Group produced a set of recommendations for Zoning Code changes to address the environmental impacts. There was no public comment taken, but the the Public Hearing on Extractive Operations regulations remains open for public comment.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION: Lori Urbin reported that she filled in as CAC moderator at the award ceremony at the Town Board May 30, 2018 meeting. Dominic Young was presented the funds for a week at summer camp by the VFW, and Danielle Scott was presented the funds for a week at summer camp by the Hendrick Hudson Masons.

MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE:

Composting : There was a series for composting at which Steve Appenzeller and Laurie Husted met with the Community Compost Company (CCC). Mayor Gary Basset of Rhinebeck Village also joined the group and expressed interest in conducting a survey to determine which communities might choose to become involved. Red Hook Village Mayor Ed Blundell noted that recycling costs are increasing a lot.

ENERGIZE NY PRESENTATION: Chairwoman Laurie Husted introduced Lauren Brois and Carolyn Cassata from NYSERDA residential services program. They summarized the Red Hook Energize Program launched in March 2017 with a grant from NYSERDA. March 31, 2018 was the official end of the Energize NY staff-led initiatives. Lauren and Carolyn came to discuss the results of the first program and to offer their guidance and support activities on the next level of the restructured Energize NY program.

The CAC was asked what reasons members could identify for the numbers of initial contacts that did not come to contract or complete the program. They discussed ways that Red Hook had reached out to residents over the last year and suggested ways that Red Hook could expand that using the Energize NY model and support. Laurie Husted said that she had hoped to do more promotion in the Fall, and thanked Lauren and Carolyn for their presentation.

MINUTES OF THE CAC MEETING ON MAY 9, 2018: Julia Solomon requested correction of the last two sentences in the first paragraph of the EXTRACTION WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS to read **“For water resources the Working Group is recommending two possible approaches (regulation, prohibition) for the Town Board to consider. Both would allow existing uses to continue while limiting expansion and new uses.”**

Julia Solomon made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 CAC meeting as amended. Steve Appenzeller seconded the motion and CAC members present approved.

RECOGNIZING FIELD HABITATS WORKSHOPS: Laurie Husted announced that two workshops on Recognizing Field Habitats would be held in Staatsburg for local officials to recognize and evaluate habitats on site visits and assist in making conservation or land use decisions. They will be on June 23 and September 12 2018. Mike Zelig offered to attend and invite a Planning Board member to join him.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday July 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary