

CAC Meeting for June 10, 2020

Meeting open 7pm via Zoom –

Members present: Jen, Laurie, Steve, Lori, Mike, Sue (via phone) and Jacob as TB Liaison
(Leah and Julia let us know they couldn't make it)

Administrative

- Open the mtg/ second: mike/steve
- Motion to accept minutes/ second: steve/jen

meeting opened

Planning - slow agenda. nothing to report

Learn Your Land – Mike (attended 2 sessions, will do third one): (1) Introduction, Ecological Principles & Stewardship (2) Identifying, Inventorying & Mapping Mike attended. a way to eval natural resources for stewardship. fun fact, in 1880, 80% dutchess cleared for ag. learned how to use Dutchess Co. parcel access and DEC natural resource mapper. Mike can't attend next meeting. He'll send link to all if someone can attend. mostly focuses on what property owners can do. touched on no mow. most of the sessions were recorded. mike will send out links.

Denis joined

Steve- Hudson Valley round table, topic, how to connect with people in times of covid. Saw Kill thinking about getting an online meeting or socially distant in person. working on watershed report card to assess current and future condition. emily white, 3 year contract with Bard. Will be working with Saw Kill and Bard Water Lab

Sustainability office at Bard is downsizing. Trying to figure out how to reinvent the office. Topic working on now is the reuse and waste issue.

Bard farm is donating to Red Hook Responds. ~80 meals a day

talked about where to donate used textiles. Donation bins have been closed. Goodwill & Salvation Army seem to be closed.

Laurie was contacted by Zip Car to see what the expectations were for the students to come back.

Laurie asked if anyone was interested in rating our communities walking/bike -ability. She found a rating sheet to use.

Town awarded grant for 2 electric buses. maybe we can use these to help with the lower capacity bus requirement of future school policies. should we contact school? we do not know when the vans will arrive. capacity = 9 person each

Discussed how to maybe make biking safer in red hook.

Denis talked about bio gas and fuel cells. These technologies will change future transportation decisions and options.

Jen left meeting

Lori Urbin summarized The Global Energy Outlook 2020: What Has Changed Due to COVID-19 conference. The conference reviewed various energy usage scenarios and it's available on their website. Covid19 had resulted in a 17% YTD reduction in energy usage, with a decline expected on a full year basis.

Sustainable Communities: we have entered into Stage 2. An update will be provided next month

Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM

