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**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting  
January 10, 2018

Members present: Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Steve Appenzeller, Mike Zelig, Lori Urbin, Jen Cavanaugh, Julia Solomon (7:29 P.M.)

Absent: Denis Collet

**CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM :** Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M. A quorum was present. Denis Collet had notified Laurie that he would not be able to come.

**MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2017 CAC MEETING:** The minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion made by Laurie Husted, seconded by Jen Cavanaugh and approved by those members present.

NOTE: There was no December 2017 CAC meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Laurie made two announcements.

1. A Climate Smart Communities (CSC) webinar on January 11, 2018 will discuss the Role of Community Engagement in Creating Local Climate Action Plans. Laurie noted that there is a need to have an update schedule for the Town's plan. She encouraged anyone who could to tune in.
2. A 2020 Climate Action Summit will be held on Feb. 3, 2018 in Bedford, NY. Laurie plans to have fliers for anyone interested.

**PLANNING BOARD REVIEWS:** Mike Zelig reported that there was not much new action due to the holidays.

**TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE:** The Energy Subcommittee is continuing research on possibilities for Town purchase of electric vehicles. Denis Collet will update information. Steve Appenzeller and Jen Cavanaugh were interested in information about the multi use or single use potential.

*Councilwoman Sarah Imboden joined the meeting*

## **WATER RESOURCES, SOIL RESOURCES, FORESTED LAND PROTECTION:**

Julia Solomon summarized the status of the Zoning Code updates for the extractive industries.

- Red Hook received a GREENWAY grant for \$10,000. This will fund engineering and planning consultants. Chazen and GreenPlan are on board. Matching funds will be provided by volunteer hours and legal services.
- Julia is convening a small working group to do best practices research and help set the scope of work for the consultants.
- The timeline is best practices research now through March, development of initial draft law March – May, revision throughout the summer and adoption in August.

**ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION DAY JANUARY 15, 2018 AT THE TOWN HALL CAMPUS FROM 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M.:** The schedule is all set to be handled by CAC and Bard student volunteers.

**MATERIALS REUSE:** There will be meeting on January 19, 2018 at the Town Hall for discussion of the potential for setting up a Repair Cafe. Steve Appenzeller had reported on attending one in Rhinebeck and suggested that Red Hook invite John Wackman to discuss his experience with promoting them.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:** Jen Cavanaugh reported that Friday, January 12 is the deadline for applications. So far, she has received 2 applications for 2 scholarship spots.

**CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES:** Jen Cavanaugh reported that the Town was approached by Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County ( CCEDC) to be written into a larger grant that they are currently working on. They would like to complete a review of the Town's progress to becoming Climate Smart Community certified, as well as to do a regulatory review (She's not sure of the focus of the regulatory review). The end product will be a summary of the pending items that the Town needs to complete in order to gain certification. The Town will not be required to provide any funding or match for the project. All the CCEDC asks is that the Town provides them with insight and information regarding the Town's activities – likely a meeting or two with CCEDC staff. The Town has submitted a letter of support.

**LED STREET LIGHT CONVERSATION:** Jen Cavanaugh report - Thanks to help from our Bard student intern and Mike Zelig, there are approximately 50 lights (out of 300 +) remaining to survey. The weather and cold temperatures have slowed down the process, but we hope to go out again next week.

The RFP to procure a company to complete the light conversion was released last month and the proposals are due soon.

Councilwoman Sarah Imboden announced that the Town Board is looking for alternates for the Zoning Board of Appeals and asked if any CAC members would consider it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 14, 2014 at 7 P.M. at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary