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**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
February 14, 2018

Members Present: Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Lori Urbin, Mike Zelig, Julia Solomon, Jen Cavanaugh (7:07P.M.), Denis Collet (7:12 P.M.)

Absent: Steve Appenzeller

CALL TO ORDER/ QUORUM : Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE CAC MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2018: Laurie Husted asked if there were any comments or corrections to the January 10, 2018 minutes. The minutes were approved with a motion made by Mike Zelig and seconded by Lori Urbin.

PLANNING BOARD REVIEWS: Mike Zelig reported that he has notified the Town Board that he is interested in the position of Alternate for the Planning Board.

- *Bard College Master Plan Update :* Mike said that the Planning Board is continuing discussion of the update. Neighboring residents on Annandale Road are asking for more control of traffic increases and speed calming measures. Bard College is looking for permits to construct more student housing and informing the board and the community about its plans to incorporate proposals for integrating the Montgomery Place parcel into the campus.
- *Ruge's Parts Store property at Old Farm Road :* Ruge's is in preliminary discussion to change the parts store to an electric parts store, and add a car serviceing and holding lot.

COMPLETE STREETS TASK FORCE: Jen Cavanaugh reported that she is part of the Task Force, and serving as chairwoman.

**WATER RESOURCES, SOIL RESOURCES AND FORESTED LAND
PROTECTION GREENWAY GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Julia Solomon reported on the GREENWAY Grant Subcommittee's meeting at the Red Hook Village Hall. They continued work on the research phase with information from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC). The goal is to draft regulations for the resources to present for Town Board adoption in the summer.

AMPHIBIAN MIGRATIONS AND ROAD CROSSING “BIG NIGHTS” 2018:

Laurie Husted noted that the time for the migrations could be as early as the beginning of March. She asked for volunteers to sign up to be called and notify friends. Laura Heady of the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program has data sheet forms.

MATERIALS REUSE: Steve Appenzeller reported to Laurie on a meeting about the potential for setting up a Repair Cafe for Red Hook. Jen Cavanaugh asked if Steve is willing to lead such a project.

WINNIKEE TRAILS PROJECT STATUS: The GREENWAY and Trails Committee continue to work with Winnikee on connections for existing trail segments to advance a network of trails within the Town. They are looking to integrate connections with the “Governor's Trail” that is planned along the East side of the Hudson River.

RECYCLING BINS AT THE RED HOOK RECREATIONAL PARK: Program Director John Kuhn has told Laurie Husted that the recycling bin system at the Recreational Park is not working effectively. Items are not sorted correctly and bins are contaminated with waste. He asked for the CAC's help with signage and other suggestions. The CAC discussed the situation and will try to have some solutions to propose as the Spring sports schedule begins.

ENERGIZE RED HOOK: Laurie Husted announced that the direct community time for assistance from Energize NY program ends in March, so it is the last time to reach out for residents to sign up for the assistance of energy coach Michael Courtney from RUPCO.

LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION: Denis Collet reported that there have been 3 contractors bids for the RFP (Request for Proposals) to do the electrical work. They are being reviewed and should be awarded before the next Town Board meeting.

TOWN HALL ENERGY UPGRADES: Denis Collet reported that he has put out a RFP for insulation at the Town Hall campus. There has been no progress on replacing equipment such as the furnace in the Town Hall.

Denis noted that the NY GEO Conference on ground source heat pumps will be coming up in Albany and asked if he could be covered under the CAC budget. Laurie agreed.

SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL: Denis reported that there are potential changes coming with NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) funding that will be advantageous to the proposal if the Town waits until June.

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY (UCRRA): Laurie Husted reported that she and other CAC members had visited the UCRRA Transfer Station and learned that Single Stream Recycling is less valuable than sorted recycling that Red Hook does .

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 14, 2018 at 7 P.M. at the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary