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**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
July 11, 2018

Members present; Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Steve Appenzeller, Lori Urbin, Denis Collet (7:25 P.M.), Jen Cavanaugh (8:12 P.M.)

Absent: Mike Zelig, Julia Solomon

Guests: Michele Gluck, coordinator for completion of Climate Smart Communities Certification; Chad Dickason founder and promoter of The Clean Energy Coop (Clean.Coop); Councilwoman Sarah Imboden

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM: Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. She noted that she had asked Denis Collet to attend a meeting in Poughkeepsie that started at 6 P.M, and to report on when he returns. Army Corps of Engineers representatives were making a presentation and answering questions about the storm beach barrier project. Starting as a response to the devastating floods from Hurricane Sandy, the project is addressing potential increases in the effects of climate change to the lower Hudson and Long Island area.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2018 CAC MEETING: The minutes were approved with a motion made by Lori Urbin and seconded by Steve Appenzeller.

EXTRACTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES - CONSIDERATIONS OF THE TOWN RE: THE TOWN MORATORIUM: Councilwoman Sarah Imboden reported that at the Town Board public hearing continuation on Tuesday July 10, the Town did not reach a consensus on the final details of zoning code changes. The Town Board asked for a resolution to extend the Moratorium, as it may take 6 months to complete legal work on the zoning changes.

MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE:

“*Straws*” Lori Urbin and Steve Appenzeller asked Dan Budd of Taste Budds if he would like assistance in sourcing a more environmentally acceptable substitute for plastic. Laurie Husted will ask the Food Sustainability Advocacy Committee for suggestions.

ENERGIZE NY - RED HOOK OPTIONS TO PURSUE ENERGY SAVING PROGRAMS:

Chad Dickason requested that he be added to the CAC agenda to give a presentation of a proposal to make a solar option to be added as an alternative for local residents. Laurie Husted introduced Chad, who is looking to promote his newly established business redhooksolar.com. Chad began working with the the Clean Energy Cooperative program (Clean.Coop), a buyers cooperative for homeowners and businesses. Clean.Coop is now offering programs for solar energy in New York.

Chad presented a written proposal showing how his redhooksolar.com could offer a more economical program for the local area, which he would like to provide as a resident of Red Hook. Steve Appenzeller asked for details about the maintenance funding and warranty roll-over. CAC members had some questions about sources and evaluation of comparison data, as well as the role that the CAC would have as an advisory body. The CAC thanked him for his presentation and had thanked the CAC for its feed-back.

Chad left the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE (CONTINUED):

Composting: Steve Appenzeller said that the group that met with the Community Compost Company (CCC) will circulate a survey to determine which communities might have enough businesses or homeowners' groups to subscribe to the program.

Repair Cafe: There is ongoing discussion and reaching out to other locations to find a set-up that would serve the Red Hook area.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION (CSC): Michele Gluck attended the meeting to ask the CAC to review a draft list of certification actions needed to qualify as a silver level CSC. She will circulate a spread sheet showing what items Red Hook has already done and asked for feed-back of any other verifications available and not included.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS STORM BEACH BARRIER PROJECT :

Denis Collet reported that the meeting raised more questions than it answered. The Corps has not finalized details and impact studies of the proposal. Mid Hudson communities need to follow the push from Scenic Hudson to have valid data produced for the impacts that may occur upstream.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday August 8, 2018 at 7:P.M. at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary