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**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
August 14, 2019

Members present: Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Steve Appenzeller, Mike Zelig

Absent: Julia Solomon, Leah Steinberg, Lori Urbin, Denis Collet, Jen Cavanaugh

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM: Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. A quorum was not present.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Hudson River Estuary Program is offering workshops on September 6, 2019 (with rain date of September 13) for recognizing and evaluating major habitat types. Laurie encouraged interested members to register by August 30.

BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN COUNTS SEPTEMBER : Emily Dozier of the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) notified the CAC of the schedule for the Fall bike/pedestrian counts, including a link for CAC volunteers to register their time slots.

CAC members discussed their options and the opinion that it would be easier if the CAC could commit for the days and hours, to avoid having to account for changes using the link process. The count days are Tuesday September 10, Wednesday September 11, Thursday September 12 (all for 4 PM to 6PM) and Saturday September 14 12PM – 2PM. Emily asked that volunteers sign up online by August 30.

HARDSCRABBLE DAY FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 – CAC

PARTICIPATION : Plans for an environmental focus, displays or activities will be put together for the September 11, 2019 CAC meeting. Perhaps the Student Environmental Club could be encouraged to make t-shirt totes

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE: Laurie Husted noted that Leah Steinberg is in contact with Dutchess County to see if she could get help in arranging delivery of a bus shelter that the Town had paid for and could not get an agreement to place.

ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE: Sign-up registrations for shares in the Solar Farm are in progress.

PLANNING REVIEWS: Mike Zelig reported that the Preserve at Lakes Kill was granted a postponement.

Mead Orchards Solar Installation Plans : Mead Orchards has approval of a NYS Solar Permit for a solar installation that will produce 110% of the farm's electrical needs. The Planning Board has been reviewing the site plan details. It is making comments on local concerns of signage, screening and agreement that energy produced is strictly for farm use.

Bard College Proposal for Dam Removal on the Saw Kill Creek : Mike Zelig noted that the Planning Board has concerns about the proposal and will be reviewing the proposal.

Winnakee Land Trust seeking easements for ~ 340 acres including wetlands : The Town Board is proposing to purchase parcels extending from the Recreational Park to the Hardeman farm property. The Town Board will be Lead Agency for SEQR review.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY UPDATING : Mike Zelig suggested that now is the time for the Town to start in updating resources maps, since the Town has approved protection regulations following the moratorium on extraction and sale of local resources.

SAW KILL WATERSHED COMMUNITY (SKWC) GROUP MEETING ON JULY 17, 2019: The SKWC featured speaker Erik Kiviat, Executive Director of Hudsonia, who gave details of the newly released report on 40 + years of research and analysis of the watershed's relationship to land use and the history of the community. Steve Appenzeller added that he found it fascinating to learn the evolution.

MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE – REPAIR CAFE REPORTS: Steve Appenzeller said that as expected, the July Repair Cafe had a smaller turn-out. There will be discussion of comments and ideas for improvements. To answer the query about what activity was most used, Steve said that help with fixing lamp problems and clothing repair were on the top of the list.

The next Repair Cafe will take place on Saturday October 26, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 7 P.M. at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Susan H. Ellis, Secretary