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**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
October 10, 2018

Members present: Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Steve Appenzeller, Susan Ellis
Mike Zelig, Jen Cavanaugh, Denis Collet (7:15), Lori Urbin (8:00)

Absent: Julia Solomon

Guest: Councilwoman Sarah Imboden (7:40)

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM : Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

MINUTES OF THE CAC AUGUST 8, 2018 MEETING : The August 8 CAC minutes were approved with a motion made by Steve A., seconded by Laurie H. and accepted by members present.

Jen Cavanaugh took notes on her laptop

ANNOUNCEMENTS : The Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA) is holding a meeting in New Paltz on October 11, 2018 at 8 AM to discuss the Fuss & O'Neill flood study done for Red Hook. Supervisor McKeon and Erik Mas of Fuss & O'Neill will make the presentation and Laurie H. will attend.

BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Upcoming meeting at Dutchess Community College on October 25 at 3:00 PM.
Steve A. made digital submission of the September bicycle/pedestrian counts.

SENIOR SERVICE CENTER EVENT WITH DC/CAP FOR

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE: Laurie H. asked for volunteers to help with the event dates – October 27 at 11 AM training and October 30 at 3:30 PM for sign-ups. Steve A. and Jen C. may be available on October 30. Laurie H. will try to attend training and pass on the information to volunteers.

CONCERNED CITIZENS AGAINST FACTORY FARMING (CCAFF) :

CAC members reviewed the discussion of the concerns brought to the CAC by Tara Sullivan, co-founder of the group CCAFF. As the issues are largely outside of the

CAC's mandate and responsibility, members present had no agreement for action at this time. The owner of Dell's Dairy Farm is planning an event on October 27 for community members with concerns to visit and learn about his operation.

ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE :

Consolidated Street Lighting – Denis Collett reported that the Town has been waiting for the Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve the purchase contract from Central Hudson. When the Town has approval and owns the LED lights, then it can negotiate with a provider for planning and installation.

NEW TOWN WEBSITE : Councilwoman Sarah Imboden reviewed features of the updated Town Website. She has held training sessions with Lori Urbin and Julia Solomon for entering CAC information. Sarah I. noted that approved minutes now must be routed to Communications Officer Jacki Fenaroli.

COMPOSTING OPTIONS : Five communities in Red Hook and Rhinebeck have been discussing joint composting options. So far, agreement is in concept only. All parties would have to approve a resolution. A survey of interest in the communities had ~300 responses interested in further planning. A pilot project at the Rhinebeck Transfer Station is in discussion. Grant opportunities for education and infrastructure are being investigated.

PLANNING BOARD REVIEWS: Mike Zelig reported that that the mitigation of the clear cutting on Tivoli waterfront property has been approved and the case declared closed.

The Hoffman Residential Subdivision has defined plans for sidewalk and stormwater details, and Engineer Richard Rang is investigating solar, geothermal and/or ground water heat pumps that could be attractive options.

“GREEN BIZ”: Councilwoman Sarah Imboden showed the webpage that she and Lori Urbin have worked on to highlight eco-friendly food service products and how to be a green business.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7 PM at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Susan H. Ellis, Secretary

