

## CAC Meeting 11/11/2020

Meeting open 7pm via Zoom

Administrative

Events: none shared

### PLANNING

- Helipad letter submitted to ZBA and Planning Board

### LAND and WATER

- SKWC update

### TRANSPORTATION

- Complete streets cte?? No interest

### MATERIALS

- Hardscrabble Day/ Historic Red Hook [videos](#): recycle yard tour, compost x 3, recycling

### ENERGY

- Energy Cte update

### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PROGRAM (AUDUBON CERT)

CAC can help with programs, policy support, education

- EVT
    - Suggestion Box? Monitor and address environmental complaints (from employees, visitors, or the community) and use this input to help identify issues that may need general improvement. Check in w/ Deanna
  - **The rest of this material was not covered during the meeting**
  - Stewardship ideas: Mount or monitor nest boxes, Install or maintain wildlife gardens, Inventory wildlife species, Maintain or use a nature trail, Create or maintain a display, Write newsletter articles or brochures, Host nature walks or environmental field trips, Host workshops on stewardship projects or environmental issues, Monitor environmental quality improvements, Photograph environmental projects and activities, Monitor water quality, Participate in community projects, such as cleanups or beautification, Conduct an on-going storm water education campaign
  - Offer free or discounted green products to residents (i.e., compost bins, rain barrels, native plant seedlings)
  - Train employees regarding the importance of environmental performance and specific techniques for ensuring environmental quality
  - Mount educational signage throughout municipality highlighting environmental features (i.e., energy, water, recycling, etc.) salamander crossings?
  - Operate a community tools lending library (i.e., how-to's for composting or xeriscaping; extension resources, local history, etc.)
  - Develop and implement a plan for invasive plant species removal on public lands throughout community
- Governance
    - Enact municipal facility policy whereby all computer/ancillary electronic equipment purchased has conservation features such as standby mode and double-sided printing capability
    - Develop an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing program
    - Purchase and use lowest environmental impact chemicals for cleaning and maintenance (i.e., green cleaning products, all natural floor products, etc)
    - · Enact green landscaping policies for buildings
    - Monitor and Track: SW and recycling, water usage
  - Open Space and Land Use: Inventory public lands currently maintained (i.e., with turf) and identify opportunities for reduced maintenance and naturalization / habitat rehabilitation, · Implement comprehensive environmental BMPs for landscape management, · Enact a septic system replacement ordinance
  - Resource Use: aerators – signs at town hall?, Employ chemical use practices that reduce the potential for contamination of ground and surface water (i.e., use of slow-release fertilizers or natural organic products, proper application and timing of chemical applications, etc.), · Eliminate opportunities for gasoline, motor oil, brake and transmission fluid, solvents, and other chemicals used to operate and maintain equipment and vehicles to contaminate soils, surface waters, and ground water, · Purchase recycled writing and copy paper for office use, · Grass clippings are either left on the lawn or composted on site
  - Transportation: · Municipal no idling policy