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**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting  
November 14, 2018

Members present: Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Mike Zelig, Lori Urbin, Steve Appenzeller, Jen Cavanaugh, Denis Collet Laurie noted that she had spoken with Ross Gould about considering rejoining the CAC.

Absent: Julia Solomon was attending the Saw Kill Watershed Community Group (SKWC) meeting

Guest: Michelle Gluck, Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM:** Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. A Quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF THE CAC SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 MEETING:** The minutes of the September 12 CAC meeting were approved with a motion made by Steve Appenzeller and seconded by Jen Cavanaugh with agreement of members present.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Laurie H. announced that a Film Screening and Discussion of A Plastic Ocean will be held at Weis Cinema at Bard College on November 18, 2018 at 6 PM. She encouraged all to attend.

**ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE:**

*Grant for 2 electric vans for senior citizen transport* – Denis Collet reported that at the last meeting of the Energy Subcommittee the availability of a grant for purchase was made known. Storage would be at the Town Hall campus. There is a question of where the charge point would be; there may be conflicts of timing. The Town may need to decide that after 2 hours there will be a point of service charge.

*LED Streetlight Consortium* : Denis C. is waiting for Public Service Commission (PSC) confirmation to move along with a contractor. He added that the Town needs to identify what extra streetlighting would be necessary for the sidewalk from Town Hall to Hannaford Supermarket.

**ENERGIZE UPDATE OF WEATHERIZATION EVENT AT SENIOR SERVICES CENTER:** Jen Cavanaugh went to the Senior Services event for Weatherization assistance on October 30. The response was limited. Ideas for different organization of such an event would be helpful.

**PLANNING REVIEW REPORT:** Mike Zelig noted that there was a Planning table at the Chocolate Festival.

*Gaslight Motel expansion proposal* – the Gaslight Motel received a 6 month extension for its expansion plans.

*Michele Gluck joined the meeting at 7:50 PM.*

**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE ON RED HOOK POINTS TOWARDS CSC CERTIFICATION:** Michelle Gluck has finished initial assessment of Red Hook points. Red Hook definitely meets the minimum requirement for bronze level. For benchmarking some updating is required. CAC suggested that PANDA network could verify.

Michelle will look at fleet inventory since the Town is in the process of acquiring electric vans and has a hybrid for Highway Sup't. Burke.

#### **MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE : COMPOSTING**

Steve Appenzeller reported that a joint application for a grant of \$50,000 is in process to pay for an educator on details of community composting. The Village and Town of Rhinebeck, Village and Town of Red hook and Village of Tivoli are continuing to work on a joint project. Michelle Gluck said that she could send recommendations.

**ADJOURNMENT :** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary