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**TOWN OF RED
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
March 11, 2020

Members present: Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Steve Appenzeller, Jen Cavanaugh, Lori Urbin, Leah Steinberg, Julia Solomon (7: 15 PM),

Tessa Husted (Red Hook High School Environmental Club co-President) 7:22PM,
Councilman Jacob Testa, Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM: Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

CAC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2020: The minutes for January 8, 2020 were approved with a motion made by Lori Urbin and seconded by Leah Steinberg. No corrections were noted.

CAC / EMC ROUNDTABLE: Lori Urbin and Jen Cavanaugh represented the Red Hook CAC, noting that it was the only Town with two presenters. They commented on the value of the exchange of information about positive and negative results of 2019 projects – what worked, what didn't work and how to improve them. Lori and Jen asked how others were handling update of Natural Resources Inventories and learned that some had budget money to hire a consultant. Then discussion looked at goals for CAC's for 2020.

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke joined the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

NATIVE PLANT POLLINATOR GARDEN PROPOSAL: Laurie Husted made introductions and noted that as guest speaker, Superintendent Burke brought a draft presentation for the CAC to review and determine whether or not it could give support or play a role in the installation. Theresa planned to present the proposal at the next Town Board meeting (3/12/20). A positive motion from the Town Board and the CAC would open possibilities for grant funding. After viewing the project plans and asking for more details, CAC members agreed that it would make a positive statement for the Town Hall Campus and suggested other resources to look at for assistance. Laurie Husted asked Secretary Susan Ellis to draft a memo to the Town Board stating the CAC's interest and support.

At 7:40 P.M. Superintendent Burke thanked the CAC and left the meeting.

The CAC summarized ideas about the Pollinator Garden proposal.
Julia Solomon has already added a Native Plant Resource Guide to the Town web site.

Lori Urbin left the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

SAW KILL WATERSHED NOMINATION FOR NYS LIST OF COASTAL WATERBODIES AND DESIGNATED INLAND WATERWAYS: Laurie Husted had a note from Michelle Gluck (Climate Smart Communities Coordinator) that the Town should adopt a resolution to support the nomination. Councilman Testa said that it was mentioned at the Town Board. The CAC felt that the Town Board should lead on that; CAC would add any needed support.

TURF FIELDS FOR SCHOOL AND RECREATIONAL PARK PROS & CONS: Steve Appenzeller described turf fields as surfaces created with crumb rubber from used tires to make a safer athletic experience. Steve has researched the environmental impacts of the issue and is scheduled to discuss it at the March 18, 2020 SKWC (Saw Kill Watershed Community) meeting.

RED HOOK REPAIR CAFE REPORTS: Coordinator Steve Appenzeller gave an update on the results of the January 18, 2020 event – the 1st anniversary of the Red Hook location. Fifty items were repaired. Community partners providing assistance, information and refreshments included the Red Hook Community Center, Bard College's Center for Civic Engagement and the Ascienzo Family Foundation.

The next Red Hook Repair Cafe is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 10AM - 1 PM. The day is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which will be noted in publicity. Steve added that it is possible that corona virus restrictions may cause cancellation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Tentative date Wednesday April 8, 2020 at 7PM at the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary