

Red Hook Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)/ Climate Smart Community (CSC) Meeting

4/14/21

Official open: 7:04pm

Present - CAC members: Laurie Husted, Mike Zelig, Lori Urbin, Julia Solomon, Steve Appenzeller, Leah Steinberg

Guest – Jacob Testa (Town Board liaison)

Minutes from prior meeting (thanks to Mike). Lori made motion, Leah second. Approved by those present.

Laurie H. discussed Climate Smart Community Certification...may be tough to get to Bronze. Julia agreed to meet with Laurie H to determine next steps & present recommendations to CAC/Town.

Ruth Oja – Jen reported that Community Foundation was given word to award Angel the scholarship. Community Foundation will send Ruth a copy of the application. Lori will ask school if there is a way for Ruth to attend/present the award at ceremony.

Laurie H attended the CAC round table (zoom) with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC).

Planning Board report by Mike. Amelia, O Zone, is on the agenda. She'd love the support of CAC members and/or the CAC. Discussed how CAC might support. Laurie H will contact Town Counsel to see if it's appropriate for CAC to write a letter of support to Planning Board. As private citizens, members are welcome to submit a letter or attend the meeting.

Materials – Do we want to approach TJ again about compost? Lori U updated group on organics recycling. Participated in CCEDC call on topic. May turn into regular CCEDC meeting. Lori U reported on NYS organics recycling law...public comment is done. Lori will reach out to Amelia to let her know about the CCEDC meetings and the law.

Land/Water – RH Clean up Day next weekend. Laurie H will reach out to Bard for volunteers. Sponsors = Community Center, Library, Rotary, & Bard. Laurie H would like to put more activities at the Town Hall...waiting to here if it's ok with Robert M.

NRI – Mike & Julia spoke to CCEDC & Nate, Estuary Program...may be worth it to wait a year to apply for NRI grant. Julia would like to meet with Planning Board and see what resources they are already using and/or what additional tools would be helpful to them.

Library Pond project – organizers contacted Julia to brainstorm project. Contacted Jen as well to discuss engineering/drainage.

Transportation (bus stop) – no change

Energy – no Denis, no report.

Repair Café – Steve A. notified group of Repair Café webinar coming up.

Saw Kill Watershed Community – amphibian crossing project went well. Considering a DEC/Hudsonia grant to map the headwaters of the Saw Kill. Working to update the website. Looking for authors for newsletter articles.

Bikes – Laure H reported that the Community Center is repairing and giving out bikes to those in need.

Mike motion to adjourn, Steve second. 7:58pm close meeting