

Red Hook CAC Meeting Wednesday 5/12/21

Official open: 7:02pm

Present - CAC members: Laurie Husted, Mike Zelig, Lori Urbin, Julia Solomon, Steve Appenzeller, Leah Steinberg, Jen Cavanaugh, Denis Collet.

Guest – Jacob Testa (Town Board liaison)

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

Materials: Town transfer station information on website reviewed to see if posted hours (Wednesday & Saturday) for trash drop off are current. Jacob indicated that they were.

Land: Julia reviewed Town clean-up effort and indicated. That the effort was successful. While some areas were well covered and cleaned well Jen said there were some gaps in coverage.

Planning: Last Planning Board meeting was hacked so no news to report

Lori reached out to Amelia of the O Zone about working with the new food recycling rules to incorporate them into her business.

Shared information about public hearing for Brittney Hollow Farm preservation (sale of development rights). CAC has no role in the process.

Town attorney reviewed CAC role for planning. Responses was: "Pursuant to Section 143–117 the Planning Board is empowered to consult with the CAC in its review of an application for site plan review. Unless the PB asks or there is a specific referral required by the code, CAC comments on an application should be pursuant to some procedure by which it comments on applications that fall within its advisory scope. Where the CAC does provide comments, you would need to hold a public meeting of the CAC to review the application in light of the CAC's resource documents, surveys, expertise and reports and provide the CAC's comments based on the review conducted in your meeting." The suggestion was made to have the CAC added to the mailing list to be informed about upcoming actions.

Climate Smart Community Red Hook achieved certification several years ago. Recertification will take place in about two years. At that time, it may possible to achieve CSC certification at the higher Silver level. Certification points are awarded for achieving goals and taking actions in the following categories:

- Forming teams and setting goals (PE 1 & 2)
- Energy use (PE 3 & 4)
- Solid waste management (PE 5)
- Land-use policies (PE 6)
- Enhancing community resilience (PE 7)
- Supporting a green economy (PE 8)
- Public engagement and commitment to an evolving process (PE 9 & 10)

CAC members will look at action areas to formulate a plan for developing initiatives that would be achievable over the next year or so in a municipality the size of Red Hook. Denis introduced micro digester technology as an initiative to handle food waste while generating power and producing fertilizer. Julia suggested looking for project opportunities that have points of intersection and have relevance to our community. Denis indicated that creative uses for the two electric vans being delivered is another area of project opportunity.

Mike motion to adjourn, Denis second. 7:56pm close meeting