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**TOWN OF RED HOOK
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting
January 9, 2019

Members present: Chairwoman Laurie Husted, Susan Ellis, Mike Zelig, Steve Appenzeller, Julia Solomon, Jen Cavanaugh, Denis Collet, Lori Urbin

Guest: Leah Steinberg, an interested resident

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM: Chairwoman Laurie Husted called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF CAC MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 10, 2018 & NOVEMBER 14, 2018: With a motion made by Jen Cavanaugh and seconded by Mike Zelig the minutes of the October 10, 2018 and November 14, 2018 CAC meetings were approved by the CAC membership.

Secretary Susan Ellis noted that the December 12, 2018 minutes are not yet complete.

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE: Laurie Husted asked if there was any news on trail plans – no updated information on activities or grants.

ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE: Denis Collett reported that Solar Farm grant monies will be awarded near the end of February 2019. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is set to go out. The Energy Subcommittee included a response to include measures to be sensitive to concerns of neighbors of the proposed facility.

Denis noted that he submitted for the Subcommittee a grant request form to the State Energize NY to qualify for electric vehicle charging stations. The Town would plan to locate 2 with 2 ports at the Town Hall campus.

The LED Streetlight Conversion proposal is at status quo, Denis said. The Public Service Commission (PSC) has not given the Town an answer.

PLANNING REVIEWS: Mike Zelig reported no significant activity.

MORATORIUM ON EXTRACTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Julia Solomon said that the moratorium is scheduled to end in March 2019. New York State has put together a Drinking Water Source Protection Program with grants available. Julia will check with Supervisor McKeon about how that might be integrated in the regulations that result from the moratorium.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION: Michelle Gluck has asked for a letter of support from the CAC for the Town to get into the next round of grants. Laurie Husted gave her notice that the CAC would be the Task Force for Climate Smart Community Certification, and Laurie would be the Chairwoman.

E-WASTE COLLECTION – SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2019: The CAC set a schedule of shifts for the collection day. Susan Ellis will bring hot chocolate and coffee.

RED HOOK REPAIR CAFE FIRST EVENT JANUARY 21 FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. Steve Appenzeller reported on the details arranged for the event to be held at the Red Hook Community Center on Fisk St. It will be a Community Fair in recognition of Martin Luther King Day. In addition to hosting repair coaches to assist in restoring use to a family possession, there will be a t-shirt to tote project, a bat or bug box making project and a table with home weatherization assistance information.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7.P.M. at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary