

**Conservation Advisory Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 17, 2018**  
**6:00 pm**

**Climate Smart Task Force**

**Attending:** Mary O'Donnell, Patti Kelly, Carole Furman, Susan Murphy, Patrick Wadden, Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Leslie Surprenant, Councilman Mike MacIsaac.

**Actions Planned**

Using the CS Portal, actions PE 1, PE 2 and PE3 were reviewed. PE1.2 and PE1.3 are completed. Mary will document their completion and post them as completed on the CS Portal. The following actions were selected to document for certification:

PE 1.5 Regional Campaign

PE 2.1 Government GHG Emissions

PE 2.5 Government Operations Climate Action Plan

PE 3.1 Government Building Energy Audit

PE 3.8 Green Building Certification

PE 3.15 LED Street Lights

PE 3.18 Outdoor Lighting Upgrades

PE 5 .3.20 Recycling Bins in Government Buildings

PE 3. 24 Adopt an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy

PE 5.9 Recycling Program for Public Events and Programs

PE8.6 Promote Farmers' Market

The topic of energy audits was discussed. Buildings identified for audit are: Town Hall (front section) Police Department, Kiwanis Ice Ring supporting buildings. The possibility of including the senior center and water treatment plants was discussed. Leslie will contact the architect who worked on the "greening" of the new town hall for assistance in documenting it as a green building.

**CAC Regular Business**

**Attending:** Mary O'Donnell, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Councilman Mike MacIsaac, Patrick Wadden, Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Leslie Surprenant, Elizabeth Shafer.

**Guest:** Carole Furman, Vernon Benjamin

**Resignation** It was noted that Ann Bryan resigned due to the extensive work that her gardening business required. Her participation on the commission is appreciated.

**Approval of Minutes:** The March and April meeting minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Procedure Change** Due to the requirements of the Open Meetings Law, email votes will not be used.

**Water chestnut and Milfoil Harvesting** Removal of Water chestnuts and Eurasian Milfoil from the creek around the village beach was discussed. Reaching out to community groups for volunteers was proposed. June 23 at 10:00 am was decided as an appropriate date for the hand pulling of the vegetation. Skip, Mike H. Mary and Carole volunteered to participate. Skip volunteered to scope the area and ask Gail Porter to accompany him in order to create an implementation plan for the project. It was suggested that Councilman Schoonmaker be asked to participate. The importance of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species was stressed.

NYS law requires signage at boat launches instructing boaters on cleaning boats to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

**Bristol Beach Update** The Bristol Beach Report was presented. Additional time is needed to review the report. Goal 1. 1 in Table 1.1 was approved. Mike H stated that the Bristol Beach Advisory Committee recommended that the main public entrance should be from 9W.

**Planning Board Report** Mary Anne reported on matters before the Planning Board. No matters required CAC attention.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New York State Draft Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan**

Leslie, having reviewed the draft plan, presented her comments which were discussed and accepted. It was suggested that in addition to her recommended comments, an additional comment be added regarding the need for the plan to further address the issue of removal of aquatic invasive species and provide resources to municipalities for removal efforts. The Town Board will be advised that the CAC will present the comments to the NYSDEC.

**Watershed Management Plan Advisory Group.** Tabled

**Rt 212/Rt. 32 Revitalization** Patrick and Vernon reported on the recent Community Forum. No action was recommended at this time.

**Town Board Liaison Report** Mike M reported that the County Climate Smart Committee was impressed with the progress being made by the CAC Climate Smart Task Force. He suggested that wind power could be explored as an alternative source of energy for one point toward certification. The link, <https://nysolarmap.com>, is a good resource for determining where in NYS there are good locations to site solar farms.

**Ulster County Environmental Management Council** No Report.

**Adjournment** at 9:07 pm.