



**Town of Poughkeepsie  
Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC)**

**MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING,  
Monday, February 28 at 7:00 PM  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

**Present:** CAC Chair Pam Kingsley, Susan Karnes Hecht, Maribeth Rubenstein, Margaret Slomin, Lorraine Mirabella. Online meeting facilitator: Michael Welti, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Municipal Development. Visitors: Anne Burger, Town Board Ward 3; Ilona Vinklerova, Ward 2  
**Guest:** Janet McHugh, Town of Poughkeepsie Director of Recreation

**Agenda**

1. Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm. At the outset, Pam informed us that Caroline Fenner, Ward 5, will be resigning soon via letter to Jay Baisley.
2. Minutes from 1/24/22 meeting approved.
3. Janet McHugh spoke about projects and events planned by her department:

Renovations to ballfields in town parks

Beautification of park entrances

Removal of ash trees due to emerald ash borer, starting with Stanley Still Park and  
Greenvale Park

Hiring seasonal workers and camp staff for Greenvale Park

Peach Hill Park has a few grants pending to do their work.

The Senior Center had Country Line Dancing and artists painting with children, and plans to have a lot of speakers. Susan and Mike have spoken in the past. The Center is part of the Recreation Department.

Susan mentioned having one park in each ward planted with native plants and the town overall should have the goal of planting only native plants on town properties moving forward. Susan wants to reach out to Linda Elgar, Director of the Senior Center, about planting natives there. Susan and Anne spoke about getting constituents involved in their own parks. Anne offered to get involved identifying parks and people in wards.

4. Discussion of Earth Day: Identify locations in need of clean-up; assemble volunteer work groups; consult with Highway Department regarding what resources are available to volunteers, such as tools and safety vests. Discussed risk of clean-up on certain high-traffic roads, such as Route 9 and Spackenkill Rd. Possible sites mentioned include Fairview Park, S. Gate Rd, and Barnegat Rd. Discussed possibility of board members being point persons at each location. Janet is in contact with Girl Scouts and Marist Fraternity. Susan can reach out to Town congregations once she has more specifics. Per Maribeth, Marist is involved in a clean-up with the Fallkill Coalition and she may take notes at their meeting.
5. EML-CAC on 3/31/2022: Pam submitted the form and Susan will present on our behalf.

6. Per Susan, Climate Smart is working on the same items. There is no news on the NRI, but we will get a Draft before it goes to the Board. It may go before the Board in May or June.
7. Meeting adjourned: 7:49 pm

Next meeting: Monday, March 28 at 7:00 pm via Zoom