

Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

April 18, 2019

6:00 pm

Town Hall Rear Conference Room

Minutes

Attendees: Mary O'Donnell, Mike MacIsaac, Skip Arthur, Janet Asiain, Leslie Surprenant, Kathleen Gray, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Mike Harkavy, Elizabeth Shafer, Susan Murphy, Vernon Benjamin, Vivian Beatrice, Ray Bergen.

I. CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

The Motion to approve the CAP was unanimous

The following Go Smart Go Green Fair plans were discussed:

The banner will be placed at the center and 12 lawn signs will be placed around town.

Fourteen participants are signed up as of this date. Assignments for working at the fair were discussed. Refreshments will be provided. Handouts and flyer distribution is underway. Press releases and two ads in the *Saugerties Times* are planned. Susan M. will prepare a slide show on climate change.

Kathleen Gray and Vernon Benjamin will serve as liaisons to Melinda Herzog at the Cornell Cooperative Extension on the Resiliency Project.

Task force meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

II. REGULAR BUSINESS

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The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Leslie reported that she was unable to find any suction solutions to remove the Milfoil from the creek that don't require divers. She reported that a new effective herbicide, Procella, has been approved by NY State as a method for the removal of Milfoil. The need for town and village officials to agree on a treatment method for the problem of Milfoil infestation in the creek was expressed.

Vernon reported that establishing a CCA is complicated and the town is exploring the possibility of establishing a CCA within Saugerties.

Mary O'Donnell shared information on Wheelabrator, a company that is proposing to deposit incinerated ash at site near the Hudson River in Catskill. A public meeting to discuss the Wheelabrator's proposal is set for April 23 at the Catskill Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.