

## **Town of Marlborough Conservation Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023, 6:30 PM

Marlboro Free Library

[Join via zoom link](#)

In attendance: Mici Simonofsky, chair, Naseem Haidaoui, Maribeth King, Donald Smerdon, Jannelle Kosarek; Brian Simonofsky (arrived 7:15); virtual Ted Millar

**6:45** Call to Order with the Pledge by M. Simonofsky

Motion by Don Smerdon to approve the Minutes of the November 2023 meeting, second by Naseem Haidaoui, Passed

The Chair announced with thanks to all that with our November 2023 meeting, we completed one year of regular meetings and successful reporting to the Town Board.

### **6:50 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Cohort/GHGI - Mici & Joan to continue to get data from Town Hall. Video links to all 4 Cohort meetings available on request; Jannelle and Mici attended all 4. At the Dec meeting Nyack's and Bronxville's approach to submitting GHG Inventory and reporting were presented. Their reports can be a template for ours.

IT committee - Matt Sabia's report was read showing that December's Facebook entries showed an increase in views over last month with a high of 89 viewers. A review of Town of Red Hook's Facebook page was highlighted.

<https://www.facebook.com/redhookcac>

We discussed need for developing a website and it was agreed that linking our Facebook to the Town Website is the best option. Mici to ask Joe Caserto to discuss with Danielle at Town Hall how to accomplish it, and Jannelle to review if this is sufficient for points toward Bronze certification.

- Arbor Day Planting Application - Matt and Mici met to review Milton Landing site and to pursue that grant application. Will seek assistance as needed to complete it.
- Continue to explore different options for Arbor Day Grants - led to thought of possible recycling bins for Young's Park for recyclable can and bottle donations to benefit Shriner's Hospital. Don Smerdon can be liaison for this if we accomplish it

**7:00 Old Business took up the remainder of the visit with a lengthy discussion of the following ideas for events:**

- Suggested events to place on calendar for 2024
- Earth Day/Kayak Launch/
- Milton Main Street Blossom Festival
- Farmers' Market June/July & August- select days
- Bounty Festival
- Trunk or Treat

#### Earth Day Event April

- Kayak launch ribbon cutting for the kayak launch - suggested April
- Food Truck
- Cupcake or Ice cream truck
- Arbor Day seedling giveaway or seeds
- Special Presentations from us or other CSC /UC groups
- Schedule with Town
- Work with Gael Appler, Jr. on date and details
- Invite Town Depts and Rec Committee to have a presence
- Ideas?
- Invite MMIM or other Civic Groups?
- Nexamp/Solar Power

We discussed our mission and goal for the first event planned. Many approaches were voiced and it was decided that an Earth Day event/presence would help us achieve outreach and information to the community. Jannelle will investigate opportunities to link with other local events. Some ideas were more specifically discussed, those being a nature walk or an indoor event at the Train Station centered on the Kayak Launch.

**8:45 Action Plan Discussion** - GHG Inventory steps will be followed up between Jannelle and Mici

**Next meeting** TBA with a suggested Thursday January 11 @ 6:30pm

**8:47 Adjournment PM**