

Conservation Advisory Council  
Minutes of August 25, 2015 Meeting  
Village Hall

*Chairperson Robert Liebman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.*

Members present:

Chairperson Robert Liebman  
Jim Gmelin  
Alison Bisbano

Attendees present:

Village Manager Edward Brancati  
Harry McCartney

Minutes:

Mount Kisco Historical Society presentation

Harry discussed the Historic Hiking Trail Project. He stated that the Village is applying for funding from the Hudson River Valley Greenway program. It was mentioned that this project could also be a conservation education project. The location of the project, which is largely a portion of land that has been well-preserved, is somewhere near the Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop. Harry provided the CAC members with maps of the proposed trail. Harry presented the 3-phase plan for the Historic Hiking Trail Project. The idea for the presentation was to see what the CAC thinks about it in hopes of having the CAC integrate their knowledge into the project. The Historical Society would love to partner with the CAC for their knowledge content. It was also mentioned that education, which is one aspect of the Historic Hiking Trail Project, aims to create a holistic story to connect key elements.

It was discussed that a QR App for smartphone users was planned to be set up for the Historic Hiking Trail Project. The App would give trail goers information on historical aspects of the trail as well as the natural elements of the trail. The potential usages for the trail were discussed. The usages would be: 1) educational, 2) appreciation of nature, and 3) how the location of water shaped land use.

Jim pointed out that Marsh Sanctuary has a study of its land and presented a copy.

### Approve Minutes from June Meeting

The June 2015 Minutes were approved.

### Natural Resources Inventory: Discussion

Alison handed out Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) notes.

Bob: Where do we stand with Teatown?

Jim: We may not need to pay. We are waiting to hear back from Dr. Mike Rubbo, the land manager at Teatown. Dr. Rubbo will tell us if Mount Kisco qualifies for assistance from New York State to update the NRI. There is a program at Hudsonia.

### Zoning Board of Appeals Items: Jaguar/Land Rover review letter

Bob: I will send the letter to the ZBA Chairperson urging that the applicant is not given variances.

### Planning Board Items: The Hearth at Mount Kisco damage to trees on site

The letter from the County Planning Board was read. The letter discussed transportation.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison Bisbano