



## **CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL AND CLIMATE SMART DOVER TASKFORCE**

**MARCH 11, 2017  
10 -11:30 A.M.  
DOVER TOWN HALL**

Present: Evan van Hook, Gregory Mendenhall, Stancy DuHamel, Janet Pickering, Tamar Roman  
Katie Palmer-House, Councilman Viertel and Supervisor French

Supervisor French provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) Technical Assistance Committee's development of the CPU narrative report along with corresponding draft zoning changes. She thanked Chairman vanHook for reviewing the working draft of CPU narrative and for his feedback on ways to strengthen the document by integrating climate-smart, environmental justice and green and renewable energy production as core tenets of the update.

Chairman VanHook offered the CAC's assistance with feedback on Climate Smart Communities certification (grant-related) reports and support with community-based initiatives to promote public awareness and protection of the Town's unique natural resources. Supervisor French offered to circulate the revised draft of the new Zoning chapter to Taskforce members as soon as the Technical Assistance Committee had completed their internal review.

Katie Palmer-House provided an update on grant-related activities implementing the Climate Smart Communities certification program. She distributed and reviewed the (grant-related) objectives for preparation of a town-wide Natural Resource Inventory, a Road-Stream Crossings Vulnerabilities Assessment, the Review of Existing (Town) Environmental and Conservation-related policies and procedures and a Government Operations Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and Climate Action Plan. Agreements were being developed with Hudsonia, Ltd. for the natural resource inventory and the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) for the Vulnerabilities Assessments and Reviews of Policies.

At members' suggestion, it was agreed that the impacts of road salt and use of herbicides should be included in the scope of work for the Road-Stream Vulnerabilities Assessment. Katie will discuss the addition of this component to the scope of work with Mike Jastremski and Carolyn Klocker at HVA.

Before the meeting concluded, members agreed to schedule the next Conservation Advisory Council and Climate Smart Dover Taskforce meeting for Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Dover Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Palmer-House  
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