

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
TOWN OF TAGHKANIC, NEW YORK

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD
January, 2026

The Conservation Advisory Committee and Climate Smart Communities Committee, which meet jointly on the fourth Thursday of the month, did not meet in December, 2026. At the prior meeting in November, Charlene and Peter Paden agreed to serve as co-chairs of the committees for the coming year and the group discussed ideas for a 2026 work plan. We intend to finalize that plan at our upcoming meeting on January 22.

In response to a request from the County Planning Department we have prepared a summary report on the activities of our committees since the creation of the CSC. A copy of that report is attached for the Board's information.

Looking to the year ahead, we request that the Board approve the following membership of our committees:

Conservation Advisory Committee:

Peter Paden – co-chair
Charlene Paden – co-chair
Tony LaSalvia
Doug Craig
Larry Kadish
Tim Kennelty

Climate Smart Communities Committee:

Charlene Paden – co-chair
Peter Paden – co-chair
Tony LaSalvia
Doug Craig
Larry Kadish
Tim Kennelty
Perry Ascher
Betsy Albert
Bob Brush
David Starchild Koehler
Robin Randisi

We may request additions to the CAC as the year goes forward. Our current thinking about our 2026 agenda is that we will continue to plan and produce the Taghkanic Talks series of programs, we will develop a plan to move forward to the next level of certification under the State's Climate Smart Communities Program, and we will explore moving forward with creating a Natural Resource Inventory and/or Open Space Plan for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter & Charlene Paden