

Town of Shandaken, NY CAC minutes for February 16, 2026

Members present: Bethia Waterman, Karen Lee, Maya Lilly, Phil Mansfield, Nicole Caputo, Catherine del Tufo
Guest Brad Sunness

Pledge of allegiance: 6:31 pm
Roll Call

N Caputo accepts January's minutes, K Lee seconds

Announcements

B Waterman offers guest information regarding CAC membership

PHCC will have an art supplies swap & shop on 3/6

N Caputo reveals new position on the board of directors at the Catskill Center and volunteering at "Friends of the Feathered and Furry" rehab program

Videographer Tom reports on the new live streaming of town meetings

M Lilly is creating a summary of the info gathered for the CCAP

B Waterman remarks that the town board is currently burdened with issues that preclude any ability to consider the CCAP and that the Comprehensive Plan should precede its submission

M Lilly mentions NYS senate bill S8119A which requires customers to opt out of community solar instead of having to opt in to participate

Discussion ensues regarding the attempts to involve (Onteora) students, etc with our CAC

Community Reports

The March meeting will have DEC wildlife biologist John Milo to teach Shandaken about becoming a BearWise community (March 16th)

Compost is producing approximately 2.5 bins per week; 2 volunteers are currently assisting although N Caputo might look for additional volunteer collector

Comprehensive plan is under review which will soon be available for public comment

NRI has had 2 meetings so far, mapping is underway; the project is moving forward

The pollinator pathway is continuing to try and collect location information of Shandaken pollinator gardens to be included in appropriate mapping projects

K Lee references current bills under consideration about plastics reduction (ie The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act), "Leash the Lid", and a revised/updated bottle bill

K Lee also forwarded a toolkit to CAC members to review for creating a zero waste community with hopes of presenting issue to town in the future

Next meeting March 16, 2026

7:35 N Caputo motions to adjourn, P Mansfield seconds