

Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Meeting began at 10:35 am

Attending:

See attached PDF of the sign-in sheet

1. Council Business:

- Vote on meeting minutes from July 25, 2019 B. Coyne made motion to approve, N. Crouse 2nd, all in favor
- Revised Operating Procedures: A motion to approve made by F. Palermo, K. Newbold all in favor
- Correspondences:
 - Letter from DEC on 6/14/19 – The council wrote the DEC requesting them to update their best management practices, which dictates the allowed designs form stormwater and erosion management. The responded and a copy of the letter was circulated. Issues were brought about by the issues around Legoland concerning runoff.
 - Letter of support for OCWA’s application to NYSDEC for environmental education funding – E. Cruz of OCWA gave a brief overview of the grant project which will expand its existing conservation education program that has been in schools since 1994. She thanked the Council for their support on the application.
 - Officers for 2020 (general discussion) – Those present were encouraged to think about serving as an officer of the council.
 - Assembly Minority Task Force meeting was held last night. PFAS was a hot topic of the discussion. Other topics of discussion included monitoring sediment issues and salt which is very difficult to remove once it gets into the water.

2. Science and Outreach Committee report:

- Kiosks – The kiosk installed at Earl Reservoir is officially done. Some upgrades were made to the structure. It was nice to hear residents noticed signs were taken down while upgrades were being made. A boy scout in Washingtonville is going to work with us to put up a kiosk in blooming grove next. The next set of panels are ready. Volunteers are being sought to construct/build additional kiosk.
- Stream gage project: K. Morris gave an overview of the project. 6 new gauges, 2 of which are real-time gauges, were installed throughout the Moodna Watershed.
- Outreach events: The council hosted a meeting at Munger Cottage, featuring Adam Bosch from the NYCDEP, who spoke about the history of the NYC aqueduct

Executive Committee

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Grove
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Town of New Windsor
Village of South
Blooming Grove
Town of Warwick
Village of
Washingtonville
Town of Woodbury
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Non-Municipal Members

Black Rock Fish &
Game Club
Black Rock Forest
Consortium
Concerned Citizens for
the Hudson Valley
Friends of Walton Lake
New York Natural
History Council
NY/NJ Trail Conference
Orange County Land
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system. About 30 people were in attendance for this great presentation. There's a hike to Fitzgerald Falls scheduled for this Sunday. The meet up location is where the power lines cross the road at the Appalachian trail at 2 PM. It offers beautiful views off Lakes Rd and will last approximately 2 hours.

- The next Committee meeting is November 8 at 10:30 am at Moffat Library.

3. **Brown's Pond Dam Removal Update**

S. Gruber, as a consultant on the project, gave an update on the Brown's Pond Dam also known locally as the Burnside Dam. It's a 200-year-old damn that's privately owned and in bad shape. It's a low hazard dam because if it fails, not much property damage downstream is expected. They received a grant and are working with Chazen to study the possible removal of it. There's a hearing from 4-8 Pm on 11/20 at the Hamptonburgh Town Hall prior to the permitting process.

4. **Presentation by Larry Rossini on Beaver Dam Lake dam replacement and water quality**

L. Rossini gave a wonderful presentation on the history of Beaver Dam Lake, the draining and replacement of the dam, and issues impacting the Lake's water quality. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the Council's webpage once it's received.

5. **Comments / announcements from attendees:** None made

6. **Next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2020**

7. **Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM**

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<u>Municipal Members</u>	<u>Designated Rep.</u>	<u>Initial if present</u>	<u>Alternate Rep.</u>	<u>Initial if present</u>
Blooming Grove	Johanna Kierman		Janette McKay	
Chester (Town)				
Chester (Village)	Gary Green	<i>GG</i>		
Cornwall (Town)	Simon Gruber		Anthony Incanno	
Cornwall -on-Hudson	Brendan Coyne	<i>B.C.</i>		
Goshen (Town)	Kenneth Newbold		Neal Halloran	
Hamptonburgh	Noel Arnold	<i>NA</i>	Crawford McCloud	
Monroe (Town)	John Ebert		Ward Brower	<i>WB</i>
Montgomery (Town)	Jay Beaumont		Ed Sims	<i>ES</i>
New Windsor	George Green		Colin Schmitt	
South Blooming Grove	Jim Mullany		James LoFranco	
Warwick (Town)	Mike Sweeton		Samantha Sweeton	
Washingtonville (Village)	Joe Bucco	<i>JB</i>		
Woodbury (Town)	Jacqueline Hernandez	<i>JH</i>	Frank Palermo	<i>FP</i>
Woodbury (Village)	Neil Crouse	<i>NC</i>	Andrew Giacomazza	
OCWA	Kelly Morris	<i>KM</i>	David Church	

<u>Non-Governmental Members</u>	<u>Affiliation (if applicable)</u>	<u>Initials</u>
Ahmadi, Kate		
Butler, Ed		
Brady, Matt	Black Rock Forest Consortium	
Diee, Larry	Black Rock Fish & Game Club	
D. Corr, C. Miele, J. Boss	Concerned Citizens of the Hudson Valley	<i>CM</i>
Lawrence, Andy	Friends of Walton Lake	<i>AL</i>
Decker, Matt	Orange County Land Trust	
Hall, Jim	Palisades Interstate Park Comm.	
Mason, Sona	NY/NJ Trail Conference	
Mickelson, John		
Schuh, Tracy	Preservation Collective	<i>TS</i>
Shook, Matthew	Palisades Interstate Park Comm.	
Westerveld, Jay	NY Natural History Council	

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