

Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 25, 2019

Meeting began at 10:10 am

Attending:

Voting Members and Alternates: Johanna Kiernan, Simon Gruber, Brendan Coyne, Crawford McCloud, Ward Brower, Jay Beaumont, Ed Sims, Jacqueline Hernandez, Frank Palermo, Neil Crouse, Kelly Morris — QUORUM PRESENT

Non-Governmental Members: Kate Ahmadi, Matt Brady, Andy Lawrence, Jerry Boss, Debra Corr, Chris Miele, Tracy Schuh

Guests: Larry Rossini, Fred Widman, Rich Sarnowski, Scott Cuppett, Jill Jeffrey, Kayla Komlani, Ankur Madaan, Grace Welsh

Council Business:

- **Vote on meeting minutes from April 25, 2019** B. Coyne made motion to approve, E. Sims 2nd, all in favor
- **Revised Operating Procedures:** A version of the proposed changes to the Operating Procedures was distributed the Council in advance of this meeting; changes were mostly meant to address municipal dues, lack of participation by members, and term limits of officers.

N. Crouse commented that it is the Village of Woodbury's opinion that, to be kept in good standing, dues should be paid by the end of the first quarter of each year and that, if not paid by that time, the municipality would not be allowed to vote until their dues are paid. N. Crouse made a motion to reflect this in the Operating Procedures, F. Palermo 2nd, all in favor.

S. Gruber commented that he thinks it's important to have term limits but that perhaps the limit should be extended from three to five years. B. Coyne noted that this section of the Procedures was amended because the three serving officers will be done with their three-year terms at the end of this year and, unless there is interest by other municipal members, the officers are willing to serve again, stressing that volunteerism is welcome. W. Brower, C. Miele, and J. Hernandez all agreed that an officer can step down for a year then come back into the position the next year. No vote taken on term limits.

K. Morris noted that there are several nonmunicipal members that have not participated in over a year and that one has since passed away (Dick Manley). The revised Procedures

Executive Committee

Town of Blooming Grove

Town of Chester

Village of Chester

Town of Cornwall

Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

Town of Goshen

Town of Hamptonburgh

Town of Monroe

Town of Montgomery

Town of New Windsor

Village of South Blooming Grove

Town of Warwick

Village of Washingtonville

Town of Woodbury

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Orange County Water Authority

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 Trust

Orange County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

Palisades Interstate Park Commission

Preservation Collective

John Mickelson

Kate Ahmadi

Ed Butler



include a provision to suspend such members and to provide them with written notice once they are suspended. B. Coyne made a motion, F. Palermo 2nd, all in favor.

K. Morris will prepare emails to send to the suspended members.

Science and Outreach Committee report:

- **Kiosks:** J. Beaumont gave update on progress at the first kiosk at Earl Reservoir Park and that there will be a reception at the kiosk site immediately after this Council meeting. The second of the Council's kiosks will be constructed at a small municipal park next to Merriewold Lake in the Village of South Blooming Grove. Another scout is being solicited for that project.
- **Stream gage project:** K. Morris reported that she is working with Chazen Co. on a Quality Assurance Protection Plan (QAPP), which is required by DEC, the funder. She is also coordinating with Orange County's Office of Emergency Management, Blooming Grove and Washingtonville on the SMS alert system, which will assist emergency responders in preparing for flood response.
- **Outreach events:** The four events (hike on AT, paddles on the Moodna Creek and Walton Lake, dinner with a speaker) planned for this summer are still being planned by various Council members.
- The next Committee meeting is August 9th at 10am (location TBD).

Presentation by AP Environmental Science students from Monroe-Woodbury High School

Three students from the High School gave a slide show that displayed the results of their field work at Walton Lake and at Earl Reservoir Park. They compared various parameters between the two lakes and agreed that the field work was very rewarding. K. Morris notified the teacher, Jill Jeffrey, that the Council officers agreed to provide \$500 to the AP Environmental Science program again in the 2019-2020 school year.

Comments and Announcements from attendees:

L. Rossini reported that the PFOS levels at the 1996 FedEx fire site on Stewart Airport has resulted in higher PFOS levels than the Rec Pond site. The FedEx site drains to Beaver Dam Lake and is the primary reason for contaminated wells. He also expressed that this prevalent PFOS issue is so widespread that the Council should be addressing it in some way. He will give a presentation on the data he has gathered at the October

T. Schuh noted that the Town of Chester was audited NYSDEC and fined \$20 for noncompliance with State stormwater violations. She noted that it is a widespread concern in the region. D. Corr and C. Miele then noted that construction at Legoland was shut down due to stormwater runoff. J. Beaumont noted that the current NYSDEC stormwater regulations are adequate for silty soils and he has made note of that to NYSDEC.

Adjourn (noon): Brendan made motion to adjourn, Simon seconded, all in favor