

Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 25, 2019

Village Hall, Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

Meeting began at 10:10 am

Attending:

Voting Members and Alternates: Gary Green, Simon Gruber, Brendan Coyne, Kenneth Newbold, Noel Arnold, Ward Brower, Jay Beaumont, Jacqueline Hernandez, Frank Palermo, Kelly Morris

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

Guests: Dominick Greene, Larry Rossini, Fred Widemien (*name spelling is likely incorrect*), Sheila McGroddy, Ed Sims, Jill Jeffrey

Council Business:

- **Vote on meeting minutes from January:** B. Coyne made motion to approve, S. Gruber 2nd, all in favor
- **Revised Operating Procedures:** Moodna Council officers made amendments to the Council's Operating Procedures in order to define how to address usage of dues and non-participatory members. Council members were asked to review these amendments and be prepared to discuss at the July Council meeting.
- **Membership to Groundwater Guardian:** J. Beaumont reported that he submitted the annual report for the Council's membership to this program and that the Council will reimburse him for the \$75 annual fee.

Science and Outreach Committee report:

- **Kiosks:** J. Beaumont reported on the status of the project, stating that 2 of the 3 panels for the first kiosk are complete and will be sent to the manufacturer for printing very soon. This first kiosk will be at Earl Reservoir Park. He is also developing a Moodna Creek Explorer Program to educate young people about water resources and the Moodna Creek Watershed; this will be the first kiosk that will include reference to this Program and encourage children to answer questions online. After a participant answers the online questions correctly they will be designated as a Moodna Creek Explorer and they will get a prize (prize to be deter-

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- **Stream gage project:** K. Morris convened a meeting at the Washingtonville Village Hall on March 22 with municipal representatives, County Emergency Management, and the contractor that will be installing the gages. After much discussion, it was decided that all 5 existing gages will be replaced with new models that have telemetry and that one new gaging station will be installed on Locust St in Washingtonville. This new equipment should be installed in early/mid summer. OCWA and Emergency Management staff are collaborating to determine how the emergency alert system will be implemented. D. Greene stated that telemetry will be \$4,800/year telemetry.
- **Outreach events:** Four events are being planned within the Watershed: 1) paddle on the Moodna Creek (August), 2) paddle on Walton Lake (August/Sept), 3) hike from Belleview Creamery through the Appalachian Trail into Monroe (fall), 4) dinner + speaker evening featuring Adam Bosch of NYCDEP, who has a fascinating presentation about the NYC aqueducts. Details are continuing to develop for each event and the Council members will be notified when dates have been determined.
- The next Committee meeting is May 10th at 10am in Goshen.

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

The students gave an overview of the goals of their research project at Walton Lake (Monroe) and Earl Reservoir (Woodbury) and presented the results. The class examined water quality and invasive species. Discussion afterwards focused on next steps to build on this research and how the Council can continue to get young people interested in water resource issues. Jill Jeffrey, the teacher, and her students will be back for the July meeting to present their final results of their research.

Comments and Announcements from attendees:

Updates on Legoland: J. Boss noted that he wrote a letter to DEC regarding the impact of Legoland on the Otterkill's water quality. He expressed great concern that the stormwater runoff from the site—which has resulted in several violations - is impacting in-stream wildlife in the Otterkill. S. Gruber noted that Legoland is not unique and that is an example of how NYSDEC's stormwater regulations can be ineffective.

Foam in Beaver Dam Lake: L. Rossini stated that there has been foam in Beaver Dam Lake that appears to be unnatural and is coming from a tributary that flows from Stewart Airport. He also noted that there is raw sewage from New Windsor is being put into Beaver Lake. There also noted that a study was done by the Department of Health that found no contamination in the Lake, but that the study was flawed because it only included 150 homes out of 800 and just 3 wells.

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

Next meeting: July 25th, 2019

