

Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council

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MEETING MINUTES

10:00am Thursday April 26, 2017

Village Hall, Village of Woodbury

Meeting began at 10:10am

Council members present: *See attached sign-in sheet*

Council Business

January meeting minutes: No comments. All in favor.

Grant award from the HREP for stream gauges: Kelly Morris reported that the OCWA is still working to finalize a contract with NYS Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP). Once that is finalized, the OCWA will release an RFP to solicit professional services to design a gauging network. There have been conversations with the USGS, which is interested in being involved in the monitoring. Andy Lawrence asked if the existing data that has been collected should be used by planning boards. Kelly noted that the data is so technical it is not user-friendly to those who aren't experts in the field of watershed science. Jay Beaumont noted that the contractors who have worked on the Blooming Grove Drainage Master Plan and the Lower Moodna Creek Flood Mitigation Study used the data for their flood analysis. Discussion ensued about the purpose of the stream gauge network and that it can be structured to be focused on water quality or water quantity (flooding, drought). The topic of the interbasin transfer of water from the Moodna basin into the Ramapo was discussed at length and noted as a problem that a gauge could help document.

Small grant from Council to Monroe-Woodbury High School: K. Morris reported that the students' research report will be done soon and that they will attend the July meeting to give another presentation to the Council.

Science and Outreach Committee report

Kiosks: J. Beaumont reported that he has been working with an aspiring Eagle Scout and the

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Town of Woodbury on a kiosk for Earl Reservoir Town Park. He hopes to have the kiosk constructed by the fall. Details are being worked out regarding materials, funding, and content of the kiosk.

Presentation: Countywide Climate Adaptation Study.

K.T. Tobin gave an overview of the project that she and two other professors at SUNY New Paltz are undertaking in cooperation with the Orange County Planning Department, which received a grant from DEC through the Climate Smart Communities program. The project includes a natural resources inventory, vulnerability assessment, and development of climate adaptation strategies. The scope of the project is countywide but is focused on addressing each watershed individually. The report should be released in the fall of this year. The professors are working with the Planning Department on research and outreach to the

Next meeting: July 26th, 2018

