

**Town of Monroe Conservation Commission**  
**Monroe, New York, January 20, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Town of Monroe Conservation Commission was held in the dining room of Planet Pizza, 60 Millpond Parkway, Monroe, NY, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010 at 8:00 PM. The intended venue, John DeAngelis Hall, was inaccessible.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM.

Attendance: John Ebert (Chair); Audra Schwartz; Robert O'Neill; Ward Brower; Scott Walnicki.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

- December's meeting was lacking a quorum so there were no minutes to approve.
- The MCC would like to welcome its newest member Ward Brower III.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for Chairman Ebert to meet with Member Bezkorowajny to discuss meeting attendance.
- Secretary Linda Mayer has resigned.
- Member Walnicki announced his resignation and expressed interest in taking on the position of commission secretary. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to recommend Scott Walnicki for the secretary position pending Town Board approval.
- There are five (5) members currently on the MCC. Since the Monroe Town Code § 3-3 indicates that the commission shall consist of seven members, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for the commission to seek additional members.
- The day, time, and location of the regular monthly meeting were discussed with all members agreeing that the established meeting place and time is acceptable (Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM in JD Hall).
- Chairman Ebert distributed *Town of Monroe Employee Handbooks* to members present.
- Chairman Ebert distributed "Ethics Compliance" Signature Forms to members present.

**CONSERVATION BUSINESS**

- Member O'Neill recommended assembling a list of potential "missions" for the MCC to focus on, as well as identifying a priority mission for the commission.
- Chairman Ebert indicated his intention to organize a streamwalk in upcoming months.
- Chairman Ebert authorized the expenditure of a small amount of funds to be used to purchase tools and equipment for cleaning trash from Town surface water features in conjunction with the Streamwalk Program.

- A discussion was held regarding the proposed residential development known as “Camp LaGuardia” in the Townships of Blooming Grove and Chester as relates to the development’s potential impact on the water level and ecology of Walton Lake. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for Chairman Ebert to attend an EIS scoping session scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> to indicate the Town of Monroe’s concerns and make recommendations for additional issues that should be added to the EIS assessment.

### **Town Board**

- Four local laws currently on the Town Board’s agenda for Public hearing on Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> are going to be reviewed by the MCC members who will draft formal comments if necessary.

### **Planning Board**

- A discussion was held regarding the proposed Bald Hill Estates housing development with regards to well testing. The MCC would like the Planning Board to consistently and uniformly apply the testing parameters recommended by the Town’s hydrogeology consultant, Tom Cusack. His specific recommendations for Bald Hill were a testing duration of 72-96 hours, and a testing distance of 1500-2500 feet. The MCC would also like to see the testing of all wells instead of the current practice of 20 percent.
- The MCC recommend that the Town adopt well testing protocols that are consistent and based on Tom Cusack’s recommendations for the Bald Hill Project.
- Member Brower has volunteered to be the designated MCC representative to the Planning Board. Chairman Ebert will provide Member Brower with site plans.

### **New Business**

- A discussion of the Save Our Lakes Program was tabled for the next meeting.
- A discussion regarding the decimation of the bat population in the Hudson Valley and what the MCC can do to bring awareness to the public regarding the affliction of “White Nose Syndrome” was tabled for the next meeting.
- A discussion of the Streamwalk Program’s website resulted in a decision to request help from, and to start working with, the Town in order to facilitate the integration of Google Earth® with the Town’s website which is needed for functionality of the GIS portion of the Streamwalk webpage.

The Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairman Ebert at 9:25 PM.

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Scott Walnicki, Secretary