Town of Monroe Conservation Commission (MCC)
1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York 10950

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A “Zoom” meeting took place on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 8:00pm

Attendees: Ward Brower III, Joe Corona (acting chair), Charles Pakula, Sandra Dunlap (not in attendance) new member Jack Medina, and Nina Petito/secretary.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 The meeting was called to order and we have a quorum, therefore the meeting was convened at 8:12pm.
1.2 The Town of Monroe Conservation Commission has one vacancy.
1.3 The December 16, 2021 and January 20, 2012 amended minutes were approved. Charles Pakula motioned to approve the amended minutes and Ward Brower III seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Meadow Hill Project - wetlands specialist Dave Tompkins walked the site. The Conservation Commission is waiting for the Planning Board to respond to the site walk findings.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 The Conservation Commission has received plans and permission to walk the Jay Square Builders site. The Commission is waiting for the weather to be more favorable for a site walk.
3.2 The kiosk implementation plan will be discussed further with Joe Corona, Charles Pakula and Jay Beaumont.
3.3 The Moodna Creek Watershed Inter-municipal Council meeting was held on January 29, 2021. A report from Joe Corona and Ward Brower III was made to the Commission.

The kiosk provided by the Moodna Creek Watershed Inter-municipal (WCWIC) are designed to provide historical data and other key facts pertain to the nearby body of water which is an integral part of the Moodna watershed.

Two kiosks have already been completed:
A) Earl Reservoir in Woodbury
B) Near the Merriwold Lake in Blooming Grove

Five kiosks are planned for the following towns:

1) Monroe
2) Cornwall
3) Chester
4) Hamptonburgh
5) Goshen

The Town of Monroe will allow the installation of one kiosk in the O&R Lakes area. Charley Pakula in his capacity as a leader in the scouting community will be working with Jay Beaumont of the Moodna Watershed Inter-municipal council to organize the implementation effort.

The initial meeting is set for February 23, 2021 at 7:30 at the yellow house in Museum Village. Jay Beaumont, the Kiosk Implementation lead for the WCWIC is going to communicate the responsibility of the each participant. He will provide the overall guidance and information boards the scouts will use. Black Rock Forest will provide the hardwood posts. The prospective Eagle Scout will raise the money for the supplies needed - wood and shingles for the kiosk roof, plus any hardware that will be needed. The scouts will do the installation. The Town of Monroe has offered to make town resources available to dig the holes for the pole installation.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 On April 24, 2021 is the annual shredding event. Also the cleaning of litter along 17M is also a task at hand. But this is the time to securely dispose of and recycle confidential papers. Small businesses and individuals are welcome to the use of a shredding truck which will be on site at the St. Anastasia parking from 8am to noon.

5. NEXT ZOOM MEETING

5.1 The next “Zoom” meeting will take place on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 8:00pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Charles Pakula motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ward Brower III seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Thereupon Joe Corona (acting chair) adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.