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

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A “Zoom” meeting took place on Thursday, March 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 8:04pm.

1.2 The Town of Monroe Conservation Commission has one vacancy.

1.3 The February 18, 2021 amended minutes were approved. Charles Pakula motioned to approve the amended minutes and Ward Brower III seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

1.4 Charles Pakula has made the following request of the Conservation Commission. He wants to know if the Commission can change their meeting dates to the fourth Thursday of the month at 8pm. Joe Corona will investigate with Town Hall and Ann Marie from the Senior Center about the availability of the fourth Thursday of each month.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Meadow Hill Project - wetlands specialist Dave Tompkins walked the site. The Conservation Commission submitted its findings to the Planning Board.

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 Harassment Training is an annual mandatory event. Discrimination Training will be held via a “Zoom” session on March 15, 2021 at 5:30pm and June 23, 2021 at 10:00am. Sign in using the access code.

3.3 Orange and Rockland Lakes has become of interest to children. The Lakes provide a
proposed prime location for a kiosk, also the Heritage Trail is near by for exercise and fun.

3.4 At the request of the Planning Board the Conservation Commission has been asked to take pictures of the violations on the Meadow Hills Cluster property.
   A) Water pooling
   B) Saplings cut
   C) Hardwood trees with holes drilled into the base of the tree

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.

4.2 The Hudson River Estuary Program has announced its next Conservation and land use webinar entitled “Critical Environmental Areas” Date and Time: March 23, 2021 at 1pm.
   The Hudson Valley communities have designated “Critical Environmental Areas” to recognize important aquifers and drinking water reservoirs, stream corridors and watersheds, significant habitat, wetlands complexes, ridgelines, parks and preserves and scenic areas. The webinar will provide an overview of what CEAs are, what kinds of places might merit CEA designation, how they are used in land-use planning and decision-making and how to establish them.

5. NEXT ZOOM MEETING

5.1 The next “Zoom” meeting will take place on Thursday, April 15, 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. There upon Joe Corona (acting chair) adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.