

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Burchfield Nature & Art Center – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:03 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Karl Spencer (KS), Dave Monopolopolus (DM), Jim Caruso (JC), Lauren Masset (LM), Mike Wass (MW), Matthew Roche (MR), Camie Jarrell (CJ)  
Associate Members: Richard Corbetta (RC), Emily Baker (EB), Matt Poole (MP)  
West Seneca Town Board Liaison: Gene Hart (GH), Bill Hanley (BH)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – May, June, July, Aug, Sept. 2016 - Tabled – EH will provide all to members for review by the end of this week – RR suggested a protocol for meeting minutes that would allow for 2 reviews (1 initial, 1 final) by members prior to the following month's meeting in order to facilitate approval of meeting minutes in a timely fashion
2. 2016 Budget –WSEC budget balance - \$1190.17 – EH asked members to ID possible future budget expenditures prior to Oct. meeting  
National Fish and Wildlife Federation - \$2,710.96  
US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$28,310.00
3. Correspondence - none
4. Office – status quo
5. 2015 Annual Report – no action – EH will provide all to members for review by the end of this week

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – status quo
2. 2735 Clinton St. – EH advised that the Town Attorney is on vacation and therefore, no transaction between the Town and the property owners has occurred concerning the (eastern) portion of the property previously surveyed for acquisition by the Town – also, no action has been taken re: notification to the NYSDEC of the occurrence of lowered water levels as a result of the work that was performed by the contractor during July 2016 – after discussion, it was decided that CJ will formulate a letter to the NYSDEC with the assistance of EH
3. Subcommittee reports:
  - Tree Issues Subcommittee – KS attended the Sept 8 Planning Board meeting – no issues addressed re: tree ordinance – also, he did a presentation to the Town Board re: enforcement of the ordinance at the Sept. 28 Town Board meeting – EH would like an arborist to review the Ordinance and then conduct 2 presentations to the Town Board and to relevant Town staff - Also, a discussion ensued re: business property expansion and the realization that the Ordinance does not address this situation, and perhaps should be amended to incorporate such activities
  - Creek Awareness Subcommittee –KS sent e-mail to Mr. Keane (Principal – W. Sen. W. H.S.) re: next date for Creek Awareness Presentation to students
  - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:
    - Canoe/Kayak launch site (880 Harlem Rd.) – status quo
    - Storm drain marking program – after discussion, the members approved the purchase of 100 storm drain medallions from our 2016 budget

- Rain barrel distribution program – status quo
- Municipal Rain Barrels – status quo
- 4. 2016 Projects –:
  - Music Festival at BNAC – (Aug 28, 2016) – participating WSEC members were EH, RR, JC, MW, RC - 1 rain barrel distributed to W. Seneca resident

V. OTHER PROJECTS – 9/21 - EH discussed WSEC activities at W. Seneca Rotary meeting

VI. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC – EH advised that a Great lakes Action meeting will be conducted at Woodlawn Beach on Oct 19

Meeting Adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting – Oct. 25