

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Christian Metz Home – 12 School St., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Hicks (EH) Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR) Vice-Chair, Lauren Masset (LM), Karl Spencer (KS), Beth Feeney (BF), Camie Jarrell, Mike Wass (MW), Emily Baker (EB), Amy Kobler (AK), Matthew Roche
Town Board Member: Bill Hanley (BH)
Guest: Tim Elling

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – Oct. 2017 – accepted and approved by members
2. 2018 WSEC Budget – MW advised that \$1500.00 was allocated by the Town Board, and EH purchased 200 storm drain medallions (\$470.15) – funds remaining - \$1129.85
3. Town Environmental funds:
 - National Fish and Wildlife Federation - \$2,710.96
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000.00
 - National Grid Mitigation Fund - \$61,000.00Budget accepted & approved by members
4. Correspondence –
 - “thank you” letter received for participation at 2017 Night Out event
 - Presentation (Building Climate Resiliency by Saving Land in the Buffalo Creek Watershed) request received from Western NY Land Conservancy – scheduled for Feb. 7 (7-9 p.m.) at W. S. Senior Center
5. 2018 Meeting Dates: schedule provided by EH, minor modifications made - working meetings scheduled – 7/24 (display table at BNAC), 6/26 (storm drain medallion placement) – CJ will be a site captain for Earth Day event
6. WSEC Memberships – EH provided membership sheet
7. Reorganization – EH provided “sign up” sheets for members for assorted environmental activities
8. 2015, 2016, 2017 Annual Reports – EB, AK, LM will collaborate to complete
9. Office – status quo

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – status quo
2. Standing Subcommittee reports:
 - Tree Issues Subcommittee – status quo
 - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – status quo
 - By-Laws Subcommittee – status quo -
 - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee – RR sent (12/31/17) 2017 Table of Accomplishments to members, Town Board – RR obtained additional streets information from Town Assistant Engineer Ron Pfeil for Storm Drain Marking (“thank you” e-mail sent to R. Pfeil)
 - Buffalo Creek Canoe/Kayak Launch – 880 Harlem Rd. – no activity
 - Residential Rain Barrels – no activity
 - Municipal Rain Barrels – water drained from 3 barrels at BNAC (for winter storage) by RR, to be stored by T. Amoia - (W. Seneca employee)
 - Storm Drain Marking – WQI subcommittee will plan for 2018 program, EH provided 200 storm drain medallions to RR for storage

V. 2018 MEMBER PROJECTS

1. Student Recycling after Sporting Events –EB contacted W.S. West H.S. custodial staff to initiate placement of recycling containers during sporting events
2. Public Outreach & Education re: Household Recycling – AK to facilitate electronic format of Modern Disposal Corp. information sheet on both the W.S. Highways and WSEC links on W. Seneca’s website
3. WQI Subcommittee - RR envisions that 2017 projects will be undertaken in 2018
4. Community Outreach – WSEC informational table will be set up at the 7/24 outdoor concert at the BNAC (working meeting for WSEC members)

VI. OTHER PROJECTS

1. 965 Center Rd. – (proposed 28 unit attached residential apartments) – CJ to review site plan for environmental issues compliance – project to be addressed at the Feb. 8 Planning Board meeting

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

1. Deer Control – EH advises that NYSDEC staff can provide a presentation pertaining to “suburban deer” – T. Elling suggests that C. Lackawanna Police will implement a “bait & shoot” program in W. Seneca at no cost to the Town - RR suggests that WS residents be invited to attend a NYSDEC staff presentation to learn about deer control – after discussion, members agree that a presentation for residents is appropriate – logistics to be determined (W. Sen. Sr. Center?)

Adjourned – 8:17 p.m.