

Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance

Rondout Municipal Center Room M15

Agenda

1/16/19

Regular Business

1. Adoption of notes from 11/28/18
 - a. Send amendments to Rebecca Martin at rmartin@riverkeeper.org
2. Introductions
 - a. **Name and where you are from.**
3. Guest
 - a. Emily Vail, Hudson River Estuary program (10 min)
 - i. Update on Rondout specific projects
 1. Stewardship grant w/Riverkeeper w/ water source
 2. Rochester/Wawarisng open space plan
 3. Wawarsing open space inventiory
 4. Rochester open space inventory
 5. Beth reminder: Trees for Tribs applicatoins for spring.
 - a. Andrew to map out existing survey, to see if they need replanting. Judith Karpova, more ideas for planting. Repairs, not new projects. **March 1st deadline for project.** Some do plantings spring/fall.
 - i. **Check in with Andrew**
6. Graduate school, bump to full time now (Emily). Getting up to speed, finding out what is going on, what sort of help do you need.
7. New information from Riverkeeper/Sewer changes
8. Manna: Interim, we envisioned that someday there would be a plan for the entire watershed. That might be something to be thinking about in updating the 2010 document, and explore what can be done. Intermim,

Kingston initiated Rondout for tidal. *DOS grant for the tidal portion.* How could we weave them in?

9. Laura and Dan, outlined all the projects along the Rondout. Went through interium plan, picked out what we want to work on. Sewage was not in there.
 10. Hank: What should we work on? Emily: don't know. That's not my job. Not a resident. My job is to help you once you make the priorities. Maybe move grants to the top.
 11. Laura: Riparian buffers, brochure, series of articles. We're concentrating on this year. Maybe the intermunicipal agreeent someday.
 12. Eric: estlabish an identify with the group. Logo and Brochure.
- b. Maryann McCorkle. Presented three logos (color/BW). Need to read from close and far.
- i. Emily. Not a problem that heron is being used throughout. Colors reminded me of wappingers creek.
 1. **Send wappinger logo to Maryann to review color. Maryann will look at other blues as options.**
 - ii. Hank: Species identified are all in teh tribes.
 - iii. Logo design selected #1
 - iv. Fees are reasonable. Paid.

Upcoming Events

1. Riverkeeper Sweep: May 4th.
 - a. Sarah signed up to do a stretch. Needs permission from landowner (OSI). across from her drivewya. 3 miles stretch, kerhonkson to port ben (prison). Clear, walkable/hikable. Bob Anderberg? Hank will get permissions if OSI needs permission or not.
 - b. **Pete Seger's 100 birthday. Rierkeeper/Clearwater sweep in Beacon. Beacon Sloop Club?**
 - i. **Jen Benson discuss**

Omelet's second Thursday. **2/14 Mapper.**

- Daniel Carey RCWA?

Old Business

1. RVGA Regular Meetings and Outreach Update

a. *Outreach to Stephanie Regner (RVGA Admin/Outreach Coordinator) said that "they are not holding any public events in the next couple of months or so (our next event is likely to be our annual Farmer Dinner sometime late in February and geared towards our farmer membership), however if you'd like to meet with me and/ or some of our Board members here at RVGA, we'd be happy to oblige! Best times are during office hours (Mon-Thurs, 9-3), but we could potentially accommodate later in the afternoon , or have a meeting by conference call."*

- i. Hank, riparian buffers?
- ii. 2/28 Matt, workshop, environment/climate change on agenda, commissioner ball will be invited. Figure out what to talk about. Farmers have different methods of farming. Back and forth would be interesting,
- iii. Eric, runoff. Laura 100% vineyards in napa valley have pesticides in it.
- iv. Matt talk about it. Laura: Scott Cuppett at EMC about water. NYS only state with usable water. Important to talk about the health of the watershed.
- v. Reaching out to have discussion. Matt. plenty of people who would be interested. No one wants to use expensive inputs, nothing - but
- vi. Laura: Matt to ask the board what they'd like us to address.
- vii. Matt: Does CCE have a water person?

1. ED just signed on, Jared Bono has water background. Don't know if they have staff yet, worth connecting with him.

viii. Matt 2/28 annual meeting. RCWA Introductory topic for the meeting? We exist and what we are working on. Agenda item/theme - 20 minute.

1. Planting - people understand that. Cleaning up trash.
2. Laura: pushback, could be losing acreage for planning (100 feet). Moving onto cultivated land difficult
3. Emily: Riparian have zones now to show the importance for corridor to keep stream healthy. Influence water quality. Exercise to overlay that with the growers in the fields to see what we are really talking about it.
4. Maybe a service we could offer? matt
5. Sarah: Andrew goes on about permaculture
6. Laura: Creature searching with Martha. How do we do it? (shoemaker, davis', kelder)
7. NIFA now owns (Davis Farm)
8. HEMP replaces Corn. another mono crop coming.
9. Didi Barrett's bill: Regenerative ag and cover cropping. CCE is big on climate solutions. Manna encouraging a major conference/summit on cover cropping.
10. Carbon fee: go to implementing solutions to draw down/sequester carbon.

2. RCWA Guiding Document

- a. Steering Committee: Review committee membership for any updates
- b. Project Committee: Communications
 - i. Brochure:
 1. Logo design discussion and approval, Designer Maureen
 - a. Business card and letterhead before 2/28.**
 2. Final estimate from vendor for brochure
 - a. Eric not sure timeframe and budget with Maryann. Outstanding question. Resend map to Eric. money for business cards/letterhead.**
 - b. Thanks to marbletown on letterhead and marbletown ECC.**

j. Emily: bullets, under initiative. Don't assume people know what TFT is. Send her google doc link to review.

ii. Articles

1. "RCWA Articles" calendar layer was created. [LINK](#)

iii. Social Media

1. Conduct training on using google drive, docs and calendar, and how to access

c. Project Committee: Riparian Zone Planting (RZP)

i. Andrew update: Projects on Rail Trail, Mike Callen and visits to Coxing Kill.

New Business

1. Outreach and Communications Committee

a. Education

i. Manna: Reach out to Rich. put education in the Clearwater file. Updated version of power point. Laura: Rich wanted to go into the schools.

b. Summit

2. Set dates for 2019.

Warwarsing: Steve Winkly, aquifer study. And CFA funding next phase the naponoque sewer plant. Old has Hank's dad. After fifth phase. \$300k

Next Meeting: New 2019 Meeting Schedule Forthcoming.

6pm Third wednesday. Doodle 4 - 6pm 5:30 - 7:30 and 6-8