

## **Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance**

### Meeting Notes

3/20/19

Recorded by Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper

**Start time: 6:05pm Adjourned: 7:25pm**

Present: Daniel Carey, City of Kingston; Sarah Underhill, Kerhonkson; Hank Bartosik, Wawarsing; Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper; Laura Finestone, Rochester; John Messerschmidt, Rochester/Wawarsing; Eric Stewart, Marbletown, Julie Noble, City of Kingston; Jen Epstein, Riverkeeper.

### **Regular Business**

1. Adoption of notes from 1/16/19.
  - a. Notes accepted. There might be some spelling clarifications sent in from Hank Bartosik, TBA.
2. Introductions
  - a. See list above.

### **Upcoming Events**

1. Rochester
  - a. Airport Road Clean-up
  - b. (JM). On the third thursday of the month, a nature series will be offered with guest speakers once a month. Keep the politics out of it, all inclusive. RCWA presentation? Rochester ECC. **(John to connect to Jen and Dan).**
2. Marbletown
  - a. Community choice aggregation offered for all Marbletown residents. If you receive a bill from CH you'll be signed up to the CCA, green energy producers w/ CH. Instantly creates an economy of scale.

3. High Falls (ES)
  - a. Town of Marbletown. Received several parcels along creek from DOT. Planning linear park along existing trail. Connect to OW and Creeks Lock Walk. Working with ToM, Riverkeeper, Barton and LaJudice, D&H, O&W (Carl B), etc.
4. Wawarsing (update by HB)
  - a. Golf course was sold. Potential open space program/project.
5. Earth Day
  - a. Earth Day is April 22nd this year. The City of Kingston is hosting its Earth Day Fair on May 11th (Forsyth Nature Center).

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Rondout Valley Growers Association Annual Meeting Update
  - a. Laura gave an overview of the RVGA board meeting. She connected with Jared Buono, CCE ED and discussed hosting him at an upcoming RCWA meeting. About 100 people were there. Hemp was the main topic.
    - Reach out to Andrew and Matt for action steps.
    - More education is required around watershed and wetlands to protect important buffers.
      - **ACTION: See if Jared and Beth would visit RCWA in April 17th: Work with Laura, Andrew, Jen for meeting.**
2. Committees
  - a. Steering Committee: Daniel Carey expressed interest in being on the steering committee for Kingston.
    - i. **ACTION: Intro on RCW Management plan.**
  - b. Communications: Logo was selected with the turquoise/teal color. Invoice for logo (\$500) being paid for by ToM. Marbletown has agreed to be the RCWA's fiscal sponsor. Brochure was tabled until next month. Jack will pull maps for the design. Next is the creation of

