

Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance

Rondout Municipal Center Room M15

6:00pm

Agenda

6/19/19

Regular Business

1. Introductions
2. Approve 5/15/19 notes
3. Riverkeeper Blog Post: [Rondout Creek - Signs of Progress](https://www.riverkeeper.org/blogs/water-quality-blogs/rondout-creek-signs-of-progress/)
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Upcoming Events

1. Update on High Falls planning meeting and TtT creekside trail walk (Eric and Laura).
 - a. Pictures and record measurements during walk for submission to TtT? The application is not due until August 1st, though the earlier it is submitted, the better. Once submitted, Beth will schedule an official site visit to walk the area with the group and to go over what could be offered at the site.
2. Watershed roundtable on Monday, June 24 hosted by the Hudson River Watershed Alliance.
 - a. This is a regular meeting for 1-2 members of each watershed group to come together and learn from each other. It will be from 9:30-1:30 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County office in Kingston.

Old Business

1. RCWA Mission and Tagline
 - a. Work on language to submit to the group for discussion.
2. Committee updates.
 - a. Project Committee: Communications
 - i. Logo/Artwork/Brochure
 1. Invoices paid
 2. Map images for brochure
 3. Timeline for completing brochure.
 - ii. Social Media
 1. Facebook page and posting procedure.
 - b. Project Committee: [Riparian Zone Planting](#) (RZP)

- i. July 10 Tft application due.
- ii. July 20 event details for liability insurance.

New Business

1. Town of Wawarsing town board approved two Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs).
 - a. From Laura Heady: “The CEAs were recommendations in the town’s open space plan, which was developed with funding and technical assistance from the Estuary Program. The CEAs capture NYNHP ecological communities, DEC wetlands and unprotected wetlands, NYS Open Space Conservation Plan recommendations, water resources in the Rondout Creek watershed, landscape connectivity, and other important features. Eventually, they will be added to the [DEC website](#). (Note - the only other CEAs in Ulster County are in the towns of Woodstock and Shawangunk.) Although not as powerful as they once were, CEAs are the kind of outcome we hope to achieve through our community planning projects, to bring attention to key resources during land-use decision making. The article below, from March, highlights the features of the two CEAs, but the full proposals are available on the town’s website: <https://www.townofwawarsing.net/Announcement/Notices> (see “Greenway Corridor CEA” and “Cedar Swamp CEA”). Jack Grifo, cochair of the environmental commission, has been a champion for the open space plan, the CEAs, and the town’s updated zoning, and an excellent partner in implementing the Estuary Grant.”