

Rosendale Commission for the Conservation of the Environment
Minutes January 21, 2016

ATTENDING: Kelli Havranek, Susan Gillespie, Laura, Heady, Danielle Davis, Joe Liuni, Joan Jordan and Chris Pryslopski, Town Board Liaison.

EXCUSED: Mike Brophy

GUESTS: Danielle DeBord, Brian Juman, Patrick Gribbon; members of WISE at Rondout Valley HS.

Kelli opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

A motion was made by Susan to accept the minutes of the August 2015 meeting; seconded by Kelli. The motion was unanimously approved.

2016 Commission Membership: Kelli opened the discussion for in-put about who would like to become Chairman as Naja Kraus has definitely decided not to reapply for another term; Joe also indicated that he would not be re-applying but would volunteer to assist whenever he could. After discussion, Kelli was asked if she would consider taking on the Chairmanship, Kelli said she would.

A motion was made by Laura that Kelli be appointed Chairman of the RCCE; seconded by Danielle. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan for Laura to become Vice-Chairman; seconded by Danielle. The motion was unanimously approved.

Danielle offered to attend the Planning Board in February.
Joe will attend the EMC meeting on Jan. 27th; he will not be re-upping.
Danielle said she would be willing to be the Town representative to the EMC.

Kelli stated that one prospective volunteer attended the November meeting; Sharon Wiacek of Tillson is interested but has not submitted an application to date.

Framing of the resource maps could not take place tonight due to miscommunication of where the frames were located. Contact will be made with Bill Brooks, Town Historian, as to where placement of the mounted maps will be located in conjunction with historical displays.

Chris will contact Silas Whittaker, Evolution Technology, to obtain service for linking computer access to maps.

Susan will contact Jessica about the Emissions Report being up-loaded to the Google drive.

Kelli will contact Naja to find out how to access administration of Google.doc.

Laura reported on the Sept. 20th WAVE samplings that were filed; the samplings included Wawarsing, Rochester, and Rosendale. The report can be accessed through the DEC website at DEC/WAVE.gov. The results from Rosendale are all very good; no "red dots" on the Rondout Creek. Laura has been trained to conduct WAVE samplings and is willing to do this again this year.

Susan reported on the Pilgrim Pipeline which is proposed to run from Albany to Linden, NJ in the NY Thruway "right of way"; the Thruway Authority wants to be co-lead agency with DEC for the SEQRA review. Jen Metzger and Chris Pryzlopski are willing to come to our February meeting to discuss the matter. After the lead agency is determined, then the Scoping process will begin.

Chris stated that Pilgrim has updated maps showing a deviation that would attach the pipeline to the Perrine's Bridge; the right of way is wider than previously thought. RCCE should look at the maps and see where to reach out; the Rosendale Town Board did not grant authority for the co-lead; their resolution was the first to oppose the pipeline. More information is available through the Coalition for Opposition to Pilgrim Pipeline.

Joe reported that the EMC is restarting the "Lend-A-Pole" program for kids to fish by placing a floating dock on the Rondout. A small handicapped accessible canoe/kayak ramp is proposed on the Esopus Creek by the Olympic Dinner (Washington Avenue) and Sandy Road.

Chris stated that MS4 public interaction pamphlets are available in the Town Clerk's Office, the Recreation Center, and Transfer Station for Creek Week event. Joan suggested adding the Rosendale Theatre; Susan suggested that for a little money we could do some kind of advertisement. By May requests should be submitted for pamphlet information for MS4.

Susan reported that Citizens for Local Power holds a breakfast meeting on the 4th Friday at the Creative Co-op (behind the Big Cheese on Main Street) for anyone interested in attending. The Energy Improvement Corp. Loan Program for businesses is available; the loans are repaid on taxes. The Ulster County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast will be Wednesday the 27th at 8:00 am. Susan reported that "Solarize" has done 35-36 installations between the Towns of Rosendale and Woodstock.

Kelli will see about formulating an Environmental Calendar for upcoming dates and events.

Joe reported that the Sportsmen's Federation will hold their Youth Expo at Kelder's Farm with a wide range of events including a "BB Range".

A motion was made by Joe to adjourn at 9:20 pm; seconded by Susan.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Jordan