

Moreau Conservation Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mary Meade, at 6:37pm. Also present were members Reed Antis, Mona Bearor, Bill Granger, Mary Jenkins, Tom Kurtz, Joe Orlow, and Pat Walters. Councilwoman Gina LeClair attended as Town Board Liaison. Drew Monthie of Ecologic Consulting in Queensbury was a guest speaker.

After a short introduction by Mona, Drew Monthie gave a short presentation on invasive plant species—how they become established, how they affect the environment, and the reasons to control their spread. Following was a short question and answer period. Discussion followed. All committee members agreed that we need to address this issue in our town, and a sub-committee was formed—Mona, Reed, Bill, and Pat—to prepare a presentation to the Town Board. We will ask that this issue be placed on the December 8, 2009 town board agenda. Tom suggested we also present our annual report at that time as required by §8-6 of the town's master plan. The committee thanked Mr. Monthie for his time and informative presentation.

Mary informed the committee that we are the recipient of a Saratoga County Program for Arts Funding (SPAF) grant for \$2000.00. This grant will be used for an arts workshop, "Reflections of Moreau," in the summer of 2010 that will highlight the beauty of our town. The artist/photographer team of Ann and Gary Larson will teach a series of classes in photographic composition and drawing, followed by field work. Each student will present work to be displayed in the village museum, followed by a showing at the Crandall library in November. Discussion followed and Gina reminded the committee that we need to compile a list of places within the town for Larson's to take the classes for the field work. The grant will be announced to the public in January at a special SPAF presentation ceremony.

Gina presented an alternate site for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant for which we also applied. The new site is also on the Hudson, and is a capped PCB depository as the original site was. This site is much larger, flatter, and has very good road access already in place. Gina showed photos and discussion followed as to how this site could be developed as a passive recreational area, and/or incorporated into the original idea.

The next meeting will be held December 9, 2009 at 6:30pm at Moreau Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ramona Bearor, Recording Secretary  
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