

Moreau Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mary Meade, at 6:42pm. Also present were members Reed Antis, Ramona Bearor, and Bill Granger. Councilwoman Gina LeClair attended as Town Board Liaison.

Mary Meade reported that there has been no response as yet to either of our grant requests. By the next meeting we should have a response from the Saratoga Arts grant, however, we will not hear on the request for the waterfront park grant until January.

With nothing else pressing on the committee's agenda and December being a busy month for all concerned, Mary suggested that we do not meet in December. Discussion followed, and it was decided that we would address this issue at the November meeting.

A future bike trail was discussed. The possibility of a trail to the Betar recreation park on Rt32, several aspects of creating a trail on currently abandoned railroad beds, and parking on town property on Sisson Road near the Moreau Industrial Park were some of the ideas. Councilwoman LeClair informed us that there may be interest in a bike trail by the Recreation Committee and it may be productive for us to partner with them on this project.

Mona raised the topic of invasive plant species and damage to the native habitat. She reported that Westchester County passed a resolution prohibiting the planting of alien invasive species, and asked if the committee was interested in pursuing a similar measure in our town. All present were interested in hearing more, and to this end Mona will send a copy of the Westchester County resolution, along with additional invasive species information, to all committee members for their review prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held November 11, 2009 - Veteran's Day - at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ramona Bearor, Secretary
Moreau Conservation Advisory Council