

Moreau Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Meade at 6:10 pm. Also attending were MCAC members Ramona Bearor, and Gina LeClair, Town Council Liaison.

The first order of business was to welcome a guest, Mike Nichols, who has expressed an interest in the committee and in learning more about it. Gina LeClair gave Mike some background information on the proposed Hudson River waterfront park, with discussion following on the dispute over the ownership of the waterfront land. Research continues, and it is hoped that it will be settled soon so that the project can move forward. Other members then informed Mike about other past projects, such as the invasive species project and the community garden.

The next topic was the recycling flyer. This flyer was originated to gather all the recycling information to one place for Town of Moreau residents in the hopes that it will be easier for residents to recycle and therefore reduce the amount of trash on our public spaces. Mona presented copies of the proposed flyer to the committee members, and asked for input and comment. Several additions and changes were discussed, and once finalized, the flyer will be sent to the Town Clerk for circulation, and to be placed on the Town of Moreau website.

Gina and Mary then introduced us to the newest project - getting kids outdoors, combating childhood obesity, and eating well. The Town is receiving \$10,000 from a \$2.1 million Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant received by the South Glens Falls School system two years ago. A similar payment last year was used for an ice rink, skates, and snowshoes. The committee hopes to use the money this year for a variety of outdoor programs for children and their families. Several ideas were discussed, and members will be contacting those who might be willing to assist with this. Possible programs include: family gardening, healthy cooking with garden produce, geo-caching, fishing, nature walks, birding, and scavenger hunts. Gina and Mary are looking for additional sources of income for this program through grants, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 6:00pm, at Moreau Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Bearor, Recording Secretary
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