

Moreau Conservation Advisory Council  
Minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Meade at 6:00 pm. Also attending were MCAC members Ramona Bearor, Shellie Englert, and Gina LeClair, Town Council Liaison.

The first order of business discussed was a handout on recycling. Committee members spoke on what they found out about how to recycle various items, such as electronics, car and household batteries, paper, cardboard, and paint, rather than simply discarding them in the trash.. Mary will look into how to recycle tires, and Mona will check with National Gris on refrigerators, and they will report back. Mona will begin layout of the flyer for public distribution.

The success of the Community Garden was discussed. Nineteen beds were taken; Moreau Community Center had several and used them to educate kids about gardening in their summer camp program. Beds were used for flowers, vegetables, and herbs. It was suggested that an "herbal day" might be held, or a food festival of some kind in association with the garden. There is a Facebook page with many photos of the garden, and we will ask for a link to it from the town website.. MCAC committee members will suggest questions for a survey that will be sent to all 2012 garden participants to get a feel for how valuable they feel the experience is and what we might do to improve for 2013. Classes in various gardening techniques were discussed as well, and if there is enough interest, we may schedule some for the winter.

Erecting kestrel boxes was discussed, however no kestrels ( a small falcon) have been seen this year at Moreau Industrial Park, so we tabled that idea for now.

Attracting new members to the committee was discussed.

Gina LeClair updated the committee on the Hudson River waterfront park. There is a problem determining who owns the site. We were previously told it was owned by New York State, however, the state is now saying it is owned by National Grid. National Grid has nothing showing they own the property. Further research is ongoing to sort this out.

Members discussed marking the existing trails at Moreau Rec and producing a map that could be put on signage. This will be a spring project.

How to improve the entrance to the Town of Moreau as you head north from exit 17 of I-87 was discussed. Ideas include clearing around the existing sign, planting small trees or shubbery to enhance the area, enlarging the signage and adding emblems of the Moreau civic organizations, and a concrete base and wall of some kind that would really stand out as you drive by. This is a major entrance to our town and is sorely lacking.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2012, 6:00pm, at Moreau Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Bearor, Recording Secretary  
Moreau Conservation Advisory Council