

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL (WSEC) COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM
BNAC – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca
PREPARED BY LAUREN MASSET

I. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:06pm

II. ATTENDANCE

Members: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Joyce Mallette (JM), Karl Spencer (KS), Dave Monopolous (DM), George Rockey (GR), Steve Kondrak (SK), Jack Oshei (JO)

Associate Members: Lauren Masset (LM), Kyle Hanley (KH), Matt Amoia (MA)

West Seneca Town Board: Gene Hart (GH), William Hanley (WH)

Guest: Jackie Felser (JF)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1.) Meeting Minutes – March 2014

Motion to approve meeting minutes by DM March 2014 by, seconded by GR

AYES: ALL
NONE

ON THE QUESTION:NONE

NOES:

MOTION APPROVED

2.) Annual Report – EH Reports it was submitted to the Town Board and accepted at the April 21, 2014 town board meeting.

3.) Expiring Commission memberships

Motion to table by JM, seconded by DM.

AYES: ALL

ON THE QUESTION:NONE

NOES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED

4.) Financial/Treasurer's Report -

EH reports she spoke with Express Signs, we have a credit for \$4.38 for the accidental sales tax charge.

JM reports a balance of \$1,500.

Motion to approve the report by KS, seconded by DM.

AYES: ALL

ON THE QUESTION:NONE

NOES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED

5.) Correspondence

EH sent a letter to Bob Neiderpruen regarding the patio home development on Clinton Street. GH reports that there is the idea of changing the town ordinance for patio homes. There will be no construction in the floodplain area.

6.) Office STATUS QUO

EH explains a printer is needed. JF will call WNY imaging for a price quote.

KS motion to approve up to \$300 for a printer, seconded by JM

AYES: ALL

ON THE QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED

IV. WSEC MEMBER PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) parcel

LM reports the field club will meet this Thursday April 24 at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the BNAC 2001 Union Road, West Seneca NY. All are welcome.

EH reports Monday April 21 at 7pm the "Know Your Backyard" movie based off the booklet, had its premiere showing at the West Seneca Senior Center. There was an estimated 25 people in attendance including JM, KS, EH, and LM. A revised edition of the "Know Your Backyard" booklet will be available in the near future. EH comments the benefit is that Mary Rossi who was contracted with via the National Fish & Wildlife Federation grant as the outreach coordinator was able to be there and present a powerpoint, with the background of the oxbow as an introduction to the movie. EH also explains that the DVD can be inserted into the back of the booklet, along with a teacher guide, and it will be used in the local high schools as an educational component. The film was made with common core in mind, so that it can be allowed to be shown in the classroom.

LM reports that the Oxbow Field Club had a planting on April 12, they teamed up with Erie Community College "River Academy" and planted various different plants and trees. LM was not in attendance due to her being out of town, however EH was present.

EH reports that the group has fenced trees with limited success in stopping the beaver. A trapper has been permitted from the DEC, and in two days took 2 large beaver and one two year old. The permit is an out of season permit and goes through June, but he is no longer trapping at this time.

2. WSEC library display

The display was put in on March 31 by JM and LM. The display covers various different topics including the rain barrels, storm drains, oxbow, creek awareness, and more. JM will coordinate with LM when to remove the display as it gets closer to the end of the month. JM will inquire about a date for 2015.

3. **Creek Awareness Presentation**

KS contacted West Middle School to finalize planning for May 16th presentations.

4. **West Seneca Developmental Center (1200 East & West Road)**

RR spoke with Kevin Hintz (NYSDEC) stating that he inspected solid waste site, and will urge the responsible party to address necessary remediation

EH reports she reached out to Jeff Nyitrai from Region 9, in regards to the wildlife refuge assigned to that site. 110 acres has been mapped to go under the control of the DEC. There is a property title issue with the state on the property. EH suggests doing a letter writing campaign, in order to move this project forward. After discussion:

GR motions to KS that the WSEC adopt a resolution to follow up with NYS DEC on the status of the land transfer regarding the Cazenovia creek wildlife management site at 1200 East & West Road in West Seneca, NY.

AYES: ALL

ON THE QUESTION:NONE

NOES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED

EH will draft a resolution and place it into a letter, from the WSEC. GH requests the local legislators also be sent a copy of the letter.

5. **National Grid – Gardenville Station Upgrade Project**

National Grid presented to the WSEC on April 22, 2014 at 6pm with updates in regards to their substation upgrades in BU-13 Wetland (Mayer Rd). They discussed payment in lieu of mitigation for damages incurred in the upgrade process. Refer to meeting notes for more details.

6. **Subcommittee reports:**

- Tree Issues Subcommittee:
 - Meeting conducted on 4/8 at 7 PM. - all members present, LM excused. Also, 4 residents at the meeting, contributing questions and suggestions. The suggestions for the Tree ordinance have been organized and sent to members for comment and review. SK gave a presentation on pest control and EH gave a presentation on the merits of a tree survey. Next meeting - 5/6/14 at 7 PM at BNAC - includes a presentation from John Gullo (T. W. Seneca) to answer questions raised at the meeting regarding Tree ordinance enforcement as well as what is in effect right now. KS requests WH be present. EH comments that if a developer is allowed to build, they be required to do an inventory as well as a replacement plan for trees removed elsewhere in the town in the form of money.

- Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:

- o Rain Barrels – status quo at BNAC – Councilman G. Hart to request gutters/downspouts installation at picnic shelter at Children’s Memorial Park (rain barrel installation by subcommittee members – by June 1) GH comments he spoke to Steve Amoia, this can be done with no problem. DM states he has the barrels at his home. DM to reach out to RR in the next week.
- o Illicit Discharges (Cazenovia Creek) – RR spoke with Rob Locey (NYSDEC) – he has discussed the discharges from the storm sewers on Hi View Terrace with Jeff Konsella (Regional Water Quality Engineer), and the DEC is planning to sample wastewaters later this Spring - no response to WSEC re: signage (at Mill Rd. Park) received from Town Board.
- o Boat/canoe/kayak launch site (0 Bishop Pl) - STATUS QUO

7. Burchfield Bathroom - GH mentions this project will start soon, and the wetlands will be taken into consideration. This meeting will be an organizational type meeting taking place Thursday April 24, 2014.

8. Property owners concern (yard flooding) discussed at 2982 Clinton Street, West Seneca NY.

V. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

Call to Close@ 8:15

Motion by EH, seconded by DM

AYES: ALL

ON THE QUESTION:NONE

NOES: NONE

MOTION APPROVED