

Town of Monroe Conservation Commission (MCC)
1465 Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York 10950

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A “Zoom” meeting took place on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 8:00pm

Attendees: Ward Brower III, Joe Corona (acting chair), Charles Pakula, Sandra Dunlap (not in attendance) new member Jack Medina, and Nina Petito/secretary.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order and we have a quorum, therefore the meeting was convened at 8:13.
- 1.2 The Town of Monroe Conservation Commission has one vacancy.
- 1.3 The April 15, 2021 amended minutes were approved. Charles Pakula motioned to approve the amended minutes and Ward Brower III second the motion. All voted favor.
- 1.4 Jack Medina on April 19, 2021 has been accepted and sworn in as a member of the Town of Monroe Conservation Commission.
- 1.5 Sexual Harassment Training will be held via “Zoom” session on June 23, 2021 at 10:00am. Sign in with the access code.
- 1.6 On April 9, 2021 the Town Board requests a personal photo or the Town will take a photo to be used for “I.D. badges”

2. OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1 The Monroe Kiosk Implementation - Charles Pakula will discuss the project with troop leaders, but work will not commence until after the summer.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 Sal Scancarello has donated six phosphorescent green safety vests to be used during site walks.
- 3.2 Joe Corona and Ward Brower III attended the Quarterly Moodna Watershed Council Meeting and the following was discussed:
 - A. The Highlands West Trail Connectivity Plan describes how the present trails around the Monroe area could and should be linked together. Some examples are the following:
 - 1) Harriman State Park
 - 2) Schennmuck Park
 - 3) Goose Pond Park

- B. The environmental impact roadways have had on the environment and the wild life of the region. An example of a barrier to wildlife is Route 17 or US 84.
- 3.3 A Webinar - Urban and Forestry Council
- A. Forests - Forest have two main functions:
 - I. It stores and sequesters carbon
 - II. They cool the atmosphereThe U.S. has 10 growing zones, which are modified by urban forests (human activity - air conditioning and concrete) therefore drier and hotter man made climate.
 - B. Old Growth Forests or rural forests do exist, today, but there is a transition occurring where they are becoming drier and hotter areas.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1 Charles Pakula and Joe Corona attended the breakfast held at the Empire Diner by the Chamber of Commerce on May 3, 2021 at 8:00am.
 - A. Joe Corona made a presentation about the purpose and the need for the Monroe Conservation Commission.
- 4.2 On April 24, 2021 the annual shredding event called "Clean Sweep" was a complete success with 200 volunteers who donated their time and effort.
- 4.3 Charles Pakula will send a letter to the Town Board showing his concerns about the Village of Palm's dirty wells and sewage problems.

5. NEXT ZOOM MEETING

- 5.1 The next "Zoom" meeting will take place on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8:00pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- 6.1 Charles Pakula motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ward Brower III seconded the motion. All voted in favor. There upon Joe Corona (acting chair) adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.