

Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance

Remote Meeting

Start time: 6:00pm

End time: 7:04pm

Notes

9/16/20

Regular Business

Present were Ben Ganon (Ulster County Department of the Environment) Hank Hank Bartosik (Wawarsing), Laura Finestone (RCWA), Rebecca Martin (Riverkeeper), Eric Stewart (Marbletown, Town board member), Laura Heady (Rosendale, HREP), Evan Pritchard (High Falls, Director for Algonquin Culture), Manna Jo Greene (Rosendale, Clearwater, Ulster County Legislature, Town of Rosendale), Laura Petit (Ulster County Legislature, Town of Esopus), Anna Palmer (High Falls, Trees for Tribes).

ACTIONS

1. Review comments on the 9/16/20 text edits.
2. Make sure credits are notated in the brochure text

Old Business

1. RCWA Brochure discussion: Text and Map
 - a. Name of the Rondout is the Kohasink which means “Place of the wild geese”
 - b. Evan Pritchard is doing research, down to 1600 deeds of what names of the tributaries were. The RCWA discussed someday creating an interactive map with current name, native name and translation.
 - c. Laura Heady said that she could input the native names to tribs in the GIS map since she has reorganized the layers.

- d. Town of Esopus is in the midst of doing its LWRP. They are interested in including the Wallkill River in as well (they live on a peninsula).
- e. Manna Jo Greene wants to bring forward the Mombacus flowing into the Rondout. She wants to get feedback. Laura has reached out to Lynn Archer.
- f. Head of the tide (headwaters) was at High Falls. Anything below is tidal (according to tradition), anything above that is non-tidal (according to tradition).
- g. The group updated their working document for the RCWA brochure files (a/o: 9/16/20 brochure edits)
- h. Evan and Laura can insert the native names to be sent over to Marian. Laura said to send her a list of the changes she wants. Be mindful that it doesn't become too busy. Ben suggested that you could add a '-' between the current name and native name. Laura said it would help to know the number of tributaries. **Evan said there are five native tributaries that he is familiar, and 10 others that he's looking into. Ultimately, there would be a total of 15. Laura suggested a document with the names/translations.**

New Business

1. The group discussed upcoming events for the RCWA. Rebecca Martin who was note taking had to leave, so Laura and Eric will need to fill this in.
 - a. Trees for Tribs event