



# Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee

## September 17, 2014

### Conesville Town Park

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Member attendance: William Federice & Eric Dahlberg (Conesville); Val Riedman (Gilboa); Steve Walker (Windham); David Kukle and Anthony Coiro (Town of Hunter); Lynn Byrne & Beverly Dezan (Lexington); Mike McCrary (Jewett)

Others: Jeff Flack, Michelle Yost, Abbe Martin (GCSWCD); Dave Burns (DEP); Jo-Ann Federice, Linda Szeliga, Joanne Noone, and Lorraine Grogan (Conesville); Peter Nichols (SCSWCD); Mark Carabetta (MMI); Zachary Thompson (SC Planning Dept.); Muriel Kilmer (Conesville)

**Town of Ashland**  
James Lawrence

**Town of Conesville**  
Eric Dahlberg  
Bill Federice, Alt.

**Town of Gilboa**  
Val Riedman  
Rebecca Wilburn, Alt.

**Town of Hunter**  
David Kukle  
Raymond Legg, Alt.

**Village of Hunter**  
Michael Tancredi  
Alan Higgins, Alt.

**Town of Jewett**  
Michael McCrary  
Jim Pellitteri, Alt.

**Town of Lexington**  
Lynn Byrne  
Beverly Dezan, Alt.

**Town of Prattsville**  
Kory O'Hara

**Town of Roxbury**  
Joseph Farleigh  
Tom Hynes, Alt.

**Village of Tannersville**  
Leigh McGunnigle  
Chris Hack, Alt.

**Town of Windham**  
Steve Walker  
Bob Pelham, Alt.

**Highway Superintendent**  
Erik Allen

**Educator**  
Elizabeth LoGiudice

**Fisheries Guide**  
Judd Weisberg

**Greene County  
Legislators**  
James Hitchcock  
Larry Gardner

1. Manor Kill Site Visits, 5pm – 6pm
  - a. Conesville Walking Path on Town Property
  - b. Stream Project along Town Property (Peter Nichols (SCSWCD) and Milone & McBroom Inc.)
2. SWAC Meeting, 6pm – 7:30pm
  - a. Lynn Byrne chaired the meeting.
  - b. Overview of [Manor Kill](#) – briefly summarizing this sub-basin from the pre-meeting project site visit, Peter Nichols, SCSWCD, noted the Manor Kill has been through a lot of changes particularly since Hurricane Irene. Its 34.4 mile watershed is mostly in the Town of Conesville, provides approx. 15% water to the Schoharie Reservoir, and is approx.. 8 miles long. An invasive fish from Asia, Loach, was found in headwater ponds a few years ago but does not seem to pose a threat at this time.
  - c. There was not a quorum; informational meeting was held to review applications received, budget reconciliation, and proposed changes to SMIP including committee make-up. [Note: two municipalities that indicated attendance were not present]
3. Presented SMIP Budget Reconciliation (handout provided summarizing projects and budget status)

#### **Round 10 Proposals for funding (emailed prior to meeting)**

4. Conesville Path Project
  - a. Bill Federice, Conesville Supervisor, summarized the project
  - b. The RFP for the walking path was based on the Windham Path project.

- i. Committee met with Nick Bove and modeled their project specifications on the specifications for the Windham Path.
    - ii. Put out to bid; received three responses; the lowest bid was \$32,000. This bid was submitted by a local business owner. The price may actually be lower by negotiating out the cost of fit stations separately.
  - c. Decision was made to hold off on work in order to combine efforts with the stream restoration project.
  - d. This project is part of a larger Town Park improvement project that has received in-kind contributions estimated at ~\$7,200 (stone, labor, concrete for basketball court).
  - e. Project budget needs to be completed and submitted to SWAC.
5. Windham Path Phase 2
- a. Application submitted for \$23,900 to cover equipment and materials to construct wooden bridges to cross wet areas along the trail, and a trailhead sign and kiosk.
  - b. In-kind contribution included in application – pedestrian bridge over the Batavia Kill to connect the two paths and the masonry for the sign.
  - c. WARF held a fundraiser in March 2014 and is planning another one in 2015 to fund remainder of the project costs.
6. Kaaterskill United Methodist Church stormwater/rain harvesting project
- a. Four rain gardens, 240 gallon above ground cistern and rooftop gutter system to capture, treat, filter and infiltrate rooftop runoff on site (~4,300 sq. feet). Will also provide water source for community garden.
7. Beech Ridge Road Embankment Stabilization Project
- a. Instability at this location since Hurricane Irene
  - b. Located just upstream of a DOT project at Pushman's bridge on Rte. 42; DOT has not done any work at the site
  - c. Recommendation to fund design of stabilization project by increasing funds to the Stream Crossing Design project.
  - d. Beverly D. questioned who would pay for the work. The town already submitted a Letter of Intent to the state HMGP in October 2013. If project meets SMIP criteria, Town could apply to that program.
8. South Gilboa Culvert Replacement (State Rte. 30) – small tributary to reservoir receiving a lot of stormwater runoff to one undersized, misaligned culvert causes road to wash out.

Recommendation to fund design by increasing funds to Stream Crossing Design project.

9. Presented proposed changes for the next SMIP Cycle (see handout)
  - a. Move Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 deadlines to March 15 and September 15. The Feb. and August deadlines were initially set to allow enough time for staff to incorporate approved projects into their workload for upcoming construction seasons, however, the August 1 deadline has been difficult to meet due to stream staff being out on construction projects. Eric D. questioned whether moving the deadline by one month is going to make a difference, which will need to be evaluated.
  - b. Put cap on Recreation/Habitat applications (\$25,000)
  - c. Do not fund Stormwater category under SMIP, unless CWC stormwater program closes. The Stormwater category was initially funded to cover the local share for CWC applications and projects CWC may not fund but fit the SMIP objectives. CWC is proposing some changes to their Stormwater Retrofit Program (e.g., eliminating cost share requirement). Discussed waiting to see what those changes will be first and reserving \$50,000 for projects CWC may not fund before eliminating this category.
  - d. Do not fund private bridges or roads unless recommended as necessary for larger projects
  
10. Discussion regarding how to proceed when there is not a quorum
  - a. Dave K. suggested deputize people who attend the meeting when the primary and alternate cannot
  - b. For those municipalities consistently not in attendance – seek other representatives for appointment; appoint a proxy for meetings unable to attend (prior to the meeting)
  - c. Reduce voting members, such as making County Legislators non-voting members, and combining three subcommittee votes into two (or appoint alternates for subcommittee members)
  
11. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for October 29, 2014 to move on actions not taken at this meeting.