



Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Elections:

An officer election was held for the Secretary position and Lance Lascari was elected to serve for the current year.

Website Update:

S. Olufsen will contact Accountable Digital to discuss the 2025 marketing plan prior to the spring season.

Budget Update:

The 2025 budget was approved in the amount of \$4,000. The web hosting allotment is \$828 with the remaining \$3,172 reserved for marketing.

Action Items:

R. VenVertloh raised the question if MC Parks has an inventory of fishing resources for the parks? He is interested in the parking at Route 386 near Oatka Creek and habitat improvements. C. Kirchmaier stated that the Parks Advisory Committee could provide input. The Parks Department conducts reviews periodically on topics such as master plans, funding, and scheduling. As an example, C. Kirchmaier noted that a portion of a grant from Kodak for remediation would be put towards Genesee access near Seneca Park. C. Kirchmaier and R. VenVertloh will discuss reviewing Oatka's master plan in the future.

C. Kirchmaier held a meeting with the arborist for Monroe County Parks Dept. and Fishery Advisory Board attendees were; R. VenVertloh, L. Lascari, C. Knauf, M. DiSarno, and also present was Dave Agness (SGTU).

Overall, it was a productive meeting and L. Lascari plans to continue to work through outreach and the Department of Public Works.

Action Items Update From Last Month:

C. Knauf reported that he checked the posters at Springwater Creek on another subsequent trip. He noted they had been posted early to let people know the streams, all but a few Finger Lakes tributaries, are closed to all fishing from January 1 through April 1 at sunrise. M. DiSarno confirmed this.

R. Rutherford will attend the Suffern Show. There is also a show in Edison, NJ on March 14-16 that Brandon may attend.

Other Items:

S. Furgal reported that Sea Grant plans to conduct an economic impact study of the charter boat industry.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.