



CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 14th, 2022

Mitch Tucker
Chairman

Sharon Stuart
Caitlin Tucker
Pamela Zylinski
Councilmembers

Kelly Martin
Town Board Liaison

To: Conservation Advisory Council
Councilwoman Kelly Martin
Supervisor Jason Keding
Town Clerk Quinlan
Town Board members
Highway Superintendent Telaak
Code Enforcement Officer Murphy
Town Attorney Costello

Agenda for July 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

- 1) Call meeting to order – Mitch
- 2) Approve: Draft minutes from June meeting – Mitch
- 3) Liaison from Town Board – Councilwoman Martin
- 4) Financial Report – Sharon
 - a. MOTION: Approve membership for NYSACC
- 5) Climate Smart Communities (CSC) – Mitch
- 6) Correspondence – Mitch
 - a. CSC Resolution to Town Board
 - b. LEAF Vendors: Wild Spirit Education, NYSEDA
 - c. Food Scrap Event
 - d. WNY Prism – Social Media image
- 7) WNY Prism Event – August 13 – Mitch
- 8) LEAF event – September 10 – Caitlin
 - a. MOTION: Approve expenses for Vendors' Fees for LEAF
- 9) New Business
 - a. Comments from the floor
- 10) Adjournment by Motion

Town Hall
(716) 941-6113
Fax (716) 941-6116

Town Supervisor
(716) 941-6518
Fax (716) 941-9264

Town Court
(716) 941-6115
Fax (716) 941-5169

Highway Department
(716) 941-5869
Fax (716) 941-3677

Nutrition Program
(716) 941-5773

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General Ledger Account Inquiry

Town of Boston

Account Number A00-8710-0400-0000
Account Description CONSERVATION- CONTR
Fiscal Year 2022
Start Period 1 - Jan
End Period 13 - Post Closing

Original Budget: \$5,900.00
Budget Changes: \$0.00
Current Budget: \$5,900.00
Beginning Balance: \$0.00
Transactions: \$2,333.93
Ending Balance: \$2,333.93
Open Purchase Orders: \$0.00
Available Balance: \$3,566.07

Jrn. Type	Jrn. #	Period	Tr. Date	Description	Amount	PO Amount	Bud Amount
BY	1-1	1	01/01/2022	Rebuild BY Journal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,900.00
AP	3100	3	03/16/2022	Mitch Tucker CAC Snowshoe Reimb. 2022 Rental of 4 snowshoes from Gear for Adventure Amherst	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3100	3	03/16/2022	Mitch Tucker CAC Snowshoe Reimb. 2022 Rental of 14 snowshoes from Gear for Adventure Hamburg	\$136.02	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3100	3	03/16/2022	Mitch Tucker CAC Snowshoe Reimb. 2022 Amazon - Misc. Prizes for Snowshoes & Snowmen Event	\$163.77	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3100	3	03/16/2022	Mitch Tucker CAC Snowshoe Reimb. 2022 Timbits from Tim Hortons for CAC Event	\$8.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3100	3	03/16/2022	Mitch Tucker CAC Snowshoe Reimb. 2022 Timbits & Coffee for CAC Event	\$45.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3100	3	03/16/2022	Mitch Tucker CAC Snowshoe Reimb. 2022 Wegmans hot chocolate, marshmallows, fruit, napkins, plates	\$40.66	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3100	3	03/16/2022	Mitch Tucker CAC Snowshoe Reimb. 2022 Coloring page printing & crayons	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3184	5	05/04/2022	Amazon Capital Services 13H1-MY4C-46VL Conservation Advisory Council - Prizes for Events (Water Bottles, Fishing Rods, Educational Books, Compass, Hats, Binoculars)	\$369.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3184	5	05/04/2022	Amazon Capital Services 1FTF-YKG6-JGRL Conservation Advisory Council - 10' x 10' Pop Up Tent	\$159.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Amazon Capital Services 149D-LKHH-4WN1 CAC - Kids Snowshoes & pole kit for Snowshoe and Snowman Annual Event	\$147.98	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Mitch Tucker 5/18/22 Reimb. Reimbursement for Fishing Derby food/drinks/supplies - ice	\$6.49	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Mitch Tucker 5/18/22 Reimb. Reimbursement for Fishing Derby food/drinks/supplies - rolls, condiments	\$91.20	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Mitch Tucker 5/18/22 Reimb. Reimbursement for Fishing Derby food/drinks/supplies - gold spray paint	\$9.98	\$0.00	\$0.00

AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Mitch Tucker 5/18/22 Reimb. Reimbursement for Fishing Derby food/drinks/supplies - hot dogs, rolls	\$89.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Mitch Tucker 5/18/22 Reimb. Reimbursement for Fishing Derby food/drinks/supplies - serving pans	\$11.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Mitch Tucker 5/18/22 Reimb. Reimbursement for Fishing Derby food/drinks/supplies - food & drinks	\$157.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3197	6	06/01/2022	Mitch Tucker 5/18/22 Reimb. Reimbursement for Fishing Derby food/drinks/supplies - ice	\$25.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
AP	3297	7	07/06/2022	WHISPERING PINES FISH FARM 5/22/22 Fish Stocking for 2022 CAC Fishing Derby	\$795.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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					\$2,333.93	\$0.00	\$5,900.00



About NYSACC

The **New York State Association of Conservation Commissions** (NYSACC) is an independent, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit education organization that provides leadership in the development of vital environmental programs for cities, towns, and villages throughout the State of New York. We bring together millions of people—government officials, environmentalists, students, and citizens—committed to preserving, protecting, and enhancing the built and natural environments in New York communities.

NYSACC was created by the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** in 1971 to coordinate local government-led conservation and environmental programs and to encourage municipal governments throughout New York State to establish Conservation Advisory Commissions (CACs) and Conservation Boards (CBs) pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article 12-F, **Section 239-x** and **Section 239-y**. These governing bodies go by many names—Conservation Commissions, Conservation Councils, Environmental Commissions, etc.—and serve alongside municipal zoning boards and planning boards, providing expert advisement to city, town, and village officials on a range of matters concerning the natural and built environments.

NYSACC's membership is comprised of local CACs, CBs, and individuals, and we measure our success by the successes of our members and the communities they serve. We speak with a united voice on matters of environmental planning and protection and encourage and support sound environmental policies and actions locally and across the state.



NYSACC offers:

- Exceptional networking opportunities for environmental officials, non-profit representatives, and others interested in environmental conservation in New York State
- **NYSACC News**, an electronic newsletter covering current events and valuable environmental information
- **New York State Conference on the Environment**, an annual conference for local, county, state, and federal environmental officials, non-profit organizers, and the public featuring exceptional educational opportunities
- Scholarships to enable undergraduate and graduate students to attend the annual New York State Conference on the Environment
- **Environmental Excellence Awards** recognizing projects carried out by municipal, county, and regional governments and non-profit organizations that stand to have a significant and lasting positive impact on the natural environment
- A comprehensive website offering a wealth of valuable information to support conservation efforts in your community

The New York State Association of Conservation Commissions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

email: info@nysacc.org

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NYSACC DUES INVOICE

Renew your NYSACC membership or join us today and contribute to a legacy of environmental excellence in New York State. Visit nysacc.org for more information.

Your Name

Municipality's Name, if applicable (e.g., *Town of Kent*)

Organization's Name (e.g., *Conservation Board*)

Address

City

State

ZIP

Your Email

NYSACC Annual Membership Dues

Member Category	Amount	TOTAL
Organization Membership <i>Covers all members of a municipal organizations and non-profits</i>	\$75.00/yr	
For-Profit Membership <i>Covers for-profit companies</i>	\$150.00/yr	
Individual Membership <i>Covers individual NYSACC membership</i>	\$30.00/yr	
Student Membership <i>School enrollment verification required</i>	Free	
TOTAL ENCLOSED		



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NYSACC is composed of municipal conservation and environmental commissions, councils, and boards, environmental non-profit organizations, and individuals. Current membership dues pricing is presented in the adjacent table.

Because NYSACC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, individual dues payments are considered charitable donations and therefore tax-deductible (NYSACC's EIN: 23-7220465).

Your annual dues payment helps NYSACC's team of volunteers to provide expert technical assistance and information to communities across our great state, and as a NYSACC member, you are eligible for a

discounted registration rate for our annual statewide training conference and expo each fall. Please make checks payable to "NYSACC" and mail this invoice and payment to the address below:

NYSACC
P.O. Box 356
Katonah, NY 10536

Please list the names and email addresses of your organization's members in the space below to be added to the mailing list for NYSACC News, our quarterly newsletter (for additional space, use the back of this page):

Name

Email

Name

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Name

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Questions? Please contact Alex Pappas at OfficeManager@nysacc.org or (914) 306-0394.

 Print  Cancel**Fw: LEAF vendor**

CAC <cac@townofboston.com>

Wed 7/13/2022 1:07 PM

To: CAC <cac@townofboston.com>

From: Clare Sweeney <wildspiritclare@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 1:49 PM

Subject: Re: LEAF vendor

To: pam

<http://www.wildspirit.org/education/>

All prices are listed on our website! Thank you!

On Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 1:47 PM pam wrote:

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> Good Afternoon,

> Regarding the different programming, do you have a pricing cost list for the different programs?

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> Thank you,

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> Pamela Zylinski

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> On Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 7:26 AM Clare Sweeney <wildspiritclare@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Good morning! My name is Clare, I'm the educational director of Wild Spirit Education. Your event sounds wonderful, I'd absolutely be interested in participating. What kind of programming would you want us to do? We have a lot of variety, our most popular tend to be the Birds of Prey and our Bugs!

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>> Thank you for reaching out, this sounds like an awesome opportunity.

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>> -Clare Sweeney

>> Director of Education

>> Wild Spirit Education, inc

>> Clare@wildspirit.org



Education

COVID UPDATE – For the safety of our staff, volunteers and you, we follow all CDC guidelines.



Jay with Orion the Red Tailed Hawk



Millipede at a school visit





Paul with Ash the Black Vulture at a school visit



Jon educating about the wonderful world of insects

Bring nature into your classroom or facility with a fun and educational program from Wild Spirit. Our programs are designed to not only educate, but to spark the interests of the participants. With a visual and hands-on approach to nature education, our Naturalist/Educators are trained to get the participants involved in the lessons.

Our programs can be tailored to your needs. We are flexible in our presentations to allow for a better learning experience. From pre-k to seniors, we have programs that will be enjoyed by any age group.

Our talented and experienced staff and volunteers are extremely knowledgeable about the natural world. We can design a program to fit your needs if you are looking for a topic that is not listed in our brochure or website. New programs are always being designed and added.

Outreach programs can be tailored to fit the needs of any age group, from preschool children to seniors. Groups of less than 30 individuals make for the best programs, many of which include hands-on activities. Groups of more than 30 participants can be accommodated with an auditorium presentation (topic dependent). Programs usually last from 45 minutes to an hour, but are flexible to suit your schedule. If you can't find a topic or program that meets your needs, please give us a call. The naturalists at Wild Spirit Education are very knowledgeable in nature topics and can design a program that meets your curriculum needs. For a

complete and up-to-date listing of programs as well as a thorough description of our programs, please [click here](#).

[To view a complete list of our programs with descriptions, click here.](#)

For more information or to schedule a program give us a call at (716) 202-8002 or email our education director at clare@wildspirit.org.

Pricing

To pay for a program that you have already booked [click here](#).

To schedule a possible program [click here](#) or email us at Clare@wildspirit.org.

Call for an exact price that meets your situation and needs.

Most 1 hour programs cost – \$125

Live animal programs cost – \$175

Tabling display at events – \$150 1st hour, \$75 each additional hour (minimum 2 hours)

* Prices are for groups up to 30 people. Call for Auditorium style pricing

*A small mileage fee is charged to any site over 50 miles away from Amherst, NY.

*Discounts available for 2 or more programs scheduled during a single days visit. (not including tabling)



Informational display



Frog at a school program



Informational display



School visit



Hissing Cockroach





Wild Spirit Education



Educational Programs



Paul teaching at an eldercare facility

Birds of Prey – Limited due to covid

Our naturalist will bring the world of raptors into your classroom. This program brings live birds into your classroom. Local species are represented by non-releasable live birds of prey. We will bring in 2-3 birds and talk about the adaptations that allow these majestic birds to survive in the wild. We discuss how

our birds came to us and how their injuries prevent them from being released back to the wild.

Location: Indoor or Outdoor

Ages: all

Concepts Covered:

- * Avian adaptations
- * Bird identification
- * Anatomy
- * Predator/prey relationships
- * Migration
- * Ornithology
- * May be done in an Auditorium Setting

Owl Ecology – On Hold due to covid

Our naturalist will bring the world of owls into your classroom. This program brings live owls into your classroom. Local species are represented by non-releasable live birds of prey. We will bring in 2-3 owls and talk about the adaptations that allow these unique birds to survive in the wild at night. We discuss how our birds came to us and how their injuries prevent them from being released back to the wild.

Location: Indoor or Outdoor

Ages: all

Concepts Covered:

- * Avian adaptations
- * Owl identification
- * Anatomy
- * Predator/prey relationships
- * May be done in an auditorium setting

Amazing Animals – On Hold due to covid

Our naturalist will bring the world of Nature into your classroom. This program will bring a variety of live animals into your classroom. Species of wildlife from around the world will delight all ages. From frogs to insects to birds, we will discuss the natural history of each species.

Location: Indoor or Outdoor

Ages: all

Concepts Covered:

- * Wildlife Adaptations
- * Wildlife Identification
- * Anatomy
- * Not suited for an auditorium setting
- * Ornithology
- * May be done in an Auditorium Setting

Things That Bug You – On Hold due to covid

Done June-Sept.

Do you have a fear of creepy crawlies? This program brings live insects and other critters into your classroom to hopefully expel that fear. Species of insects from around the world will visit with you. We will talk about their adaptability to survive and how many are harmless to people.

Location: Indoor or Outdoor

Ages: all

Concepts Covered:

- * Insect adaptations
- * Insect identification
- * Anatomy
- * Differences between bugs and beetles
- * Not suitable for an auditorium setting

Basic Survival Skills

We will introduce the students to the basics of wilderness survival including priorities. This interactive program allows the students to use their thinking skills to figure out the best ways to survive in a wilderness survival situation. If we have the proper location we can also teach them how to build survival shelters. Fire building and water purification can be included upon request for an additional fee.

Location: Outdoor, at your school or local park – Priorities game can be done inside

Ages: 3rd grade to adult

Concepts Covered:

- * Survival priorities
- * Working in a group / team building
- * Plant identification
- * **Due to health issues we will not teach wild edibles or medicinals to youth.**

Fun With Nature

Your students will learn about nature by playing games. The games will teach about predator/prey relationships as well as other aspects of the natural world. This program works best with group sizes between 10-30 participants.

Location: Indoor or Outdoor

Ages: 3rd to 6th grade

Concepts Covered:

- * Food webs
- * Carrying capacity
- * Animal adaptations
- * Predator/prey relationships
- * Competition
- * Not suited for an auditorium setting

Wildlife Discoveries

We will discover the wildlife that lives in Western New York through this hands on program. Our Naturalist brings in wildlife pelts and skulls and allow the students to discover the many adaptations that allow these animals to survive. The students will be allowed to touch the pelts to feel the differences in their thickness and softness. Through a "match the skull to the pelt" activity, the students will have a stronger understanding of the animals.

Location: Indoor or Outdoor

Ages: all

Concepts Covered:

- * Carnivore, omnivore, herbivore
- * Wildlife adaptations
- * Predator/prey relationships
- * Not suited for an Auditorium Setting

Nature Exploration Hike

Even if your site has only a small patch of grass, there is much to discover. Let our Naturalist take your group on a hike to discover the natural world. We will explore the plants, animals and insects that we find along the way.

Location: Outdoor, at your school or local park

Ages: all

Indoor Nature Exploration Hike

If the weather is bad or your site doesn't allow you to go outdoors, you can still enjoy an educational nature hike in your classroom. We will allow you to use your imagination as we explore the many natural items that our naturalist will present to the group. A Nature show-and-tell.

Location: Indoor

Ages: all

PowerPoint Presentations

PowerPoint presentations on a variety of topics are also available for adult groups. Topics include...Algonquin Expedition Attracting Birds to Your Backyard Creating a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife Dying to Help the Environment (Alternative/Green burial practices) The Everglades Fascinating Facts About Nature Living the Green Life (Environmentally friendly lifestyle) Natural Areas in WNY Nature Up Close Natures Oddities Recycling Shade Gardening The Winds of Change (Alternative energy) Tracking Transformation Tuesday (upcycling old items) Winter Wildlife Your Diet and the Environment Cloud Forests Invasive Species

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If you are looking for a specific environmental topic, please feel free to ask. We are creating new programs all the time.

Public Programs

Wild Spirit does offer public programs throughout the year including online trainings and nature exploration hikes. Our programs will be listed on our Facebook page.



Jodi with Athena the Screech owl

Wild Spirit Education, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to enlightening others to the wonders of the natural world through conservation, preservation and environmental education.

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Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Enhancing Local Government Support for Food Scraps Recycling Programs in NYS **A Virtual Forum**

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am



Join us to actively participate in a virtual statewide food scraps community forum.

Why this is important

Municipalities large and small are taking steps to reduce food waste being sent to the landfill through education, food scraps drop off programs, backyard compost bin sales and more. Additionally there is a statewide and a federal focus on community organics management including policy and funding. New York State is also one of the most recent states to implement a law prohibiting organics to the landfill from large generators.

What to expect

As a forum, you should expect an interactive session with organics experts from NYSDEC, NYSP2I and community members who have implemented successful organics management programs. This is your opportunity to ask questions, voice your opinion about important gap areas, and hear about assistance and funding available to take your program to the next level.

Additional information:

- [NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law](#)
- [NYS Climate Smart Communities](#)
- [NYSDEC Composting and Organics Recycling for Municipalities](#)
- [NYSDEC Municipal Funding for Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives](#)
- [NYSP2I Toolkit for Building a Municipal Food Waste Strategy](#)

REGISTER NOW »

Note: If you are unable to attend, the forum will be recorded and sent to all registered attendees.

We encourage registrants (even those who cannot attend live) to submit questions ahead

Summer Saturdays

Walk and Talk Series

Saturday, August 13, 2022

10AM - 12PM

Join WNY PRISM to learn about invasive species identification and management.

Boston Town Park

8500 Boston State Rd

Boston, NY 14025

