

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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A Message from Our President

It was very exciting to start off the meeting last Friday with Mel and Vinnie leading the club in singing their song “Just Shut It Down” about Indian Point, since it was only a few hours earlier that we heard the news that the plant will likely be closing by 2021. While that date is still years away and the plant remains dangerous in the meantime, it is still a great step in the right direction. Our club has lots of members and friends who have been on the front lines of the effort to close Indian Point for decades, so whenever you see them, be sure to thank them for all their hard work and perseverance on behalf of our river and planet.

At the meeting the club welcomed its new officers for 2017: Antony Tseng as Secretary, Susan Berliner as Vice President, and Aaron Verdile as Treasurer. We also took a moment to thank our outgoing treasurer Sarah Elisabeth for her seven years of work in that job. The club Finance Committee presented Sarah with a Presidential Service Award for volunteer service in 2016.

Our 2017 winter lecture series began with a presentation on birds of the Hudson Valley on January 12. The winter lectures at the club are very popular, and I’m sure this year’s lineup will live up to the high quality of the lectures we have had in previous years.

Finally, work is continuing on the Woody and we are still on track to be in the water for the 2017 season. Stay tuned to updates on progress and volunteer workdays, and great thanks go out to all the volunteers who have braved the winter cold to help make sure the boat is back sailing again soon.

Inside this issue:

Perseverance pays off, pink guitars, eagles and ospreys, and much , much, more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING TUESDAY., Jan. 24th , 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, Feb. 3rd, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$ _____

Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waived.

Newsletter format (check one): Printed E-mail Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address _____ Email _____

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Would you like information on Clearwater Membership? How did you hear of us? _____

Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

Link to Online Renewal: <http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html>

The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadside** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**

The **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.** is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the **Hudson River** and its environs. Our main focus is the **Beacon, Fishkill** and **Newburgh** area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the **Sloop Club Building** located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, Dec. 6, 2016

Introduction

Joyce mentioned that Connie Hogart says NPR reports that Gov. Coumo is shutting down Indian Point in 2020 and 2021. Song written for Run for Your Life event. Chorus: Just shut it down.

Welcome: President James Malchow presiding

Treasurer's Report: Aaron provided a report for end of November - Net is \$-55,587.

Finance Committee Report: Committee wanted to publicly thank Sarah Elisabeth and presented her with a "Presidential Volunteer Service Award".

M.L.K. Parade: Bonnie spoke about this event for 1/16. This is going to be the fourth parade and Pete's dream to have a signing parade. This has been a successful event coming together in unity with the Southern Dutchess Coalition who will be providing a free breakfast. Parade will be from 10am to 11am. Freddie Martin will be singing Peace will Prevail. This coming Monday will be a rehearsal at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The essay contest award ceremony will be after the parade. Lunch will be provided after the award ceremony. Gospel Choir will start at 1pm. Bonnie needs help from whom can make copies of the songs.

Lecture Series: Alan Thomas spoke about the Winter Lecture Series starting this coming Thursday (second Thursday) with "Birds of the Hudson Valley" on 1/12. Alan asked for help distributing flyers, pot luck snacks the day of, and volunteers for setup and clean up. 2/9 will be "Nature's New Deal" about the environmental movement. March may be about Socially Conscious Puppetry and April may be about Hop farming. May may be a musical event.

Woody Guthrie Report: Captain Steven reports that work continues. There is a work party 9 to 2 this Sunday. Moved on to planking. Clearwater asked about the Woody Guthrie would be available for their Revival event and Steve responded yes and will try to meet that commitment. Clearwater is also having work parties for their boat.

Membership: Alan Thomas spoke that he has been a default person for quite some time. January is renewal time for a lot of people. The membership fee is \$25 which covers newsletter, insurance, etc. If you don't have money for the membership, please fill out the form and see Alan. If you have changed your address, please fill out the form. We have not been able to setup automatic renewal membership. The most powerful asset to the club is our numbers. Last year we spoke for 326 members. Alan also presented a slide show of volunteers.

Announcements:

· Joyce: 1/27 at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church Movies that Matter is showing Indian Point with snacks provided; Passed out cards with the White House number to call Obama for clemency for Leonard Peltier, one of the prosecutors recently made a similar request for clemency;

Nora wanted to wish everyone Happy Epiphany day. Orthodox celebrates tomorrow. She will be holding a celebration at her house Friday 1/13 to raise funds for the Woody restoration.

· Sarah Elisabeth spoke 1/21 Womens March in Washington. 8:08 train for the sister march in NYC from the UN to Trump Tower. The Beacon Sisters of Peace will be going to NYC.

· Metal: During this there will be a community event at the park.

· Eugene Hammand: 1/21 at the Adriance Library about Organic Farming in Cuba.

· Lydia Adams Davis: Monday at 10am at Compass Arts for mom's, dad's etc for sign language for toddlers for free.

· David Eberle: David is the new chair and asked for volunteers to revive the building committee. There are parts of the club house that needs work and finishing

· NY Attorney General has joined against the Barges

· Betty Harkins spoke about the original Building committee chaired by Pete but had to quit the dinner meetings because they had gotten so big.

· Sarah – volunteers for New Membership Committee.

· Antony Tseng: This Sunday, Comite Mi Gente will be having their Epiphany celebration at St. Joachim's gym on Leonard St from 1 to 5.

· Sandra Casale? Spoke about opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline. Governor's State of the State address to the legislature and this year there is some friction between them. So the Governor is not giving one presentation. This is a problem because that day is used to protest outside. One of the addresses will be next Wednesday at SUNY Albany. Attendance will be tried but will at least protest outside at the SUNY Albany campus. An email announcement is pending and considering also procuring a bus. The Governor's presentation will be at 10am at the Performance Arts Center. Sandra also gave out a flyer that gives a brief narrative of the issue.

· Susan Berliner and Rosemary Thomas - Little Boxes presentation: Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees. Raised over three thousand dollars for the Woody. Next will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

· David says someone forgot their glasses at his house during the baking of the pumpkin pies. The person who is missing their glasses, please see David.

· Wayne spoke about the West Point sewage spill. We are the eyes and ears and have a lot of work to do.

· Bonnie had a plate that was left at little boxes. No one has claimed it.

Adjourn: 20:30pm

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to:

Barbara Ellis and Nora Kiely

Marching for Justice on MLK Day



Woody Guthrie rebuild status as of 1/4/17:

She's starting to look like a boat again! Frames are complete through numbers 22 port and starboard and have been bolted to the floors. All frame tops complete and installed. Nine floors have been installed, one is still to be made.

The stem and keel splice are complete and installed. The mast step is complete, and ready to install. The ballast shoe is bored, countersunk and ready to be installed. The deadwood is installed except for the fairing piece above the propeller aperture-this is made but needs final shaping, work to rebate, and installation (70% complete). Final work to rebate (80% complete) on other deadwood needs to be finished. The transom horn timber knee is patterned and started.

The breasthook, knightheads, and Sampson post are installed. The kingplank is installed and deck framing is complete except for potentially cutting back the inboard ends of the frames within the cuddy. (+98% complete)

The first course of sheer strakes have been installed and splined.



Clearwater 's Article 78 petition press release: January 17, 2017

Groups Sue to End up to \$10 billion dollars in Ratepayer Subsidies to Aging Nuclear Power Plants As Unlawful and Unnecessary

BEACON, NY - Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and several co-petitioners filed in Supreme Court a challenge to the recently enacted mandatory 12-year nuclear subsidy that will cost New York ratepayers between \$7 and \$10 billion dollars. The nuclear surcharge was ordered by the Public Service Commission's as part of its Clean Energy Standard.

The Petitioners argue that the \$7.6 billion dollars nuclear subsidy imposed on New York's electricity consumers was unjustified and that the PSC did not follow the law when it enacted them. These subsidies will be paid by all New York ratepayers on their monthly energy bills, based on their usage. This cost will most seriously impact low-income ratepayers and businesses operating on a thin profit margin.

New Yorkers will no longer have a choice to purchase 100% renewable energy, because they will also be forced to pay this surcharge for nuclear energy. The lawsuit includes 52 individuals who already purchase 100% renewable energy. They are challenging the nuclear subsidies on the grounds that they already pay for their share of renewable energy to help New York with its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. By additionally charging them for the nuclear bailout, the PSC is in effect forcing them to pay for more than 100% of their electricity usage.

The cost impacts will affect individuals, businesses, organizations, and local governments. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority determined that the Rockville Centre's Department of Electric Utilities, who provides electricity to the entire Long Island village, must pay a subsidy of \$686,000 in 2017. It is estimated that Ulster County, which purchases 100% renewable energy for county government facilities, will now be charged between \$36,000 and \$60,000 per year for the nuclear subsidy – or approximately \$500,000 over the course of the next 12 years for the electricity used in county buildings in addition to their active support of renewable energy. For some municipalities, all of whom are subject to tax cap, this may mean that they have to discontinue their voluntary support of renewable energy infrastructure, to remain fiscally responsible.

Petitioner Statements

"Nuclear power is far from clean in its mining, milling, transportation, use and storage. Nuclear plants emit radioactivity into the air, water and ground through planned and unplanned releases. This mandatory 12-year \$7.6 billion subsidy means that ratepayer dollars that should be going to scale up renewables and energy efficiency are instead being used for the bailout of aging, unprofitable and dangerous nuclear plants, which will continue to generate highly radioactive nuclear waste for which there is no safe storage. At Diablo Canyon in California, they are phasing out their last nuclear plant by committing to 100% renewable replacement energy, while protecting plant workers by retaining those with critical institutional memory and highly technical knowledge. They are also retraining those who are not needed for safe decommissioning, and placing them in jobs in the rapidly expanding renewable energy economy. New York needs to create a just transition plan, not a prolonged nuclear bailout," said **Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater's Environmental Director.**

"The nuclear power industry has been killing and poisoning Indigenous peoples for decades, from the mining, milling and processing of uranium to the storage of nuclear wastes. Continuing to generate nuclear waste, which will remain dangerous for millions of years, is utterly irresponsible to the future generations. Nuclear power is not clean," said **Joe Heath, General Counsel for the Onondaga Nation Heath**, who purchases 100% renewable energy – in addition to generating 40% of his electric use by solar panels.

"The State has an opportunity with this decision to further the Governor's goal of renewable energy growth in New York State. New Yorkers who are currently using and who are committed to renewable energy and who are paying additionally for Renewable Energy Credits for 100% of their electrical needs should not also be billed for this \$7.6 billion dollar nuclear plant subsidy," said **Town of North Salem Supervisor Warren J. Lucas**. "As part of the Community Choice Aggregation program recently approved by the PSC and the Governor's office and run by Sustainable Westchester, North Salem and thirteen other Westchester Communities solely source their electrical needs from Wind and Solar generation sites. As a community we listened to the Governor's message and support his efforts to further renewable energy. Making renewable energy more expensive for the rate payer is not the direction the Governor should embark upon if he wishes to build a better future for New York State." The Town of North Salem in Westchester County is one of 14 Towns in the Westchester Power Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) who have elected to purchase 100% renewable energy.

"This action has brought to challenge the PSC's nearly \$8 billion dollar bailout of the unsustainable and polluting nuclear industry, based on the mistaken premise that nuclear energy production is emission-free. Nuclear energy is not, nor has it ever been emission-free, as it routinely emits radiation, heat and greenhouse gases, which are all climate change catalysts," notes **Susan H. Shapiro, Esq., owner of Petitioner Goshen Green Farms**.

"Whether viewed as rate making or policy making, the upshot is that at the governor's direction the Public Service Commission imposed a nearly \$8 billion financial burden on New Yorkers to ensure profit for nuclear power plant owners. This may push struggling tenants and homeowners over the edge into having their utilities shut off. We believe that the rushed, opaque process violated state law and that the public deserves real notice and a chance to be heard. Ultimately, the governor should withdraw the nuclear subsidy proposal and invest in efficiency and renewable energy," said **Blair Horner, NYPIRG Executive Director**.

"In rushing through this \$7.6 billion corporate bailout, policymakers who are supposed to protect New Yorkers recklessly circumvented the law and shut down public review," said **Tim Judson, Executive Director of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS)**. "We have laws requiring government agencies to operate with integrity and accountability to make sure things like this don't happen. The PSC trampled all over those laws, at the Governor's request, to deliver an unprecedented, unjustified, and counterproductive subsidy to a politically powerful dirty energy industry. If we don't hold our state government accountable for such an abuse of the law, then we can only expect more and worse abuses in the future."

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"What concerns me most is the PSC's credulous adoption of nuclear industry PR language. The PSC's designation of this heavy industrial activity as graced with 'environmental values and attributes' is farcical," said **Michel Lee, an attorney and senior analyst with Promoting Health and Sustainable Energy (PHASE)**. "Nuclear releases a continuing stream of emissions into the air, water and soil as part of ordinary operation. And every day New York's reactors run they create nuclear waste – a material so toxic the National Academy of Sciences has determined it must be sequestered from the environment for a million years," she noted.

Petitioner's amended their petition on January 13, 2017 for a variety of procedural issues. Originally filed on November 30, 2016, the amended lawsuit incorporates new parties, indicating a growing concern and widespread willingness to challenge nuclear subsidies in New York. Among the new petitioners are NYPIRG and half a dozen state and national environmental organizations, the Town of North Salem, and approximately 52 individuals who already purchase 100% renewable energy, but will be forced by the bailout policy to also contribute toward the nuclear subsidies.

The case, filed in Albany Supreme Court, is *Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, et al. v. Public Service Commission, et al*, Index. No. 07242-16.

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The Beacon Sloop Club Winter Lecture Series 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse

Feb. 9 Nature's New Deal w/ Neil Maher, PhD.

Mar. 9 History of Hops in the Hudson Valley and the Revival of Local Farms w/ Justin Riccobono

Apr. 13 'Activist' Puppetry w/ filmmaker Winnie Lambrecht, PhD and Patrick Wadden of "Arm of the Sea"

May 11 – We're working on a special musical guest



Thank you to Alan Peterson of the Waterman Bird Club for a great talk on the Birds of the Hudson River to kick off the Winter Lecture Series. We had a packed house and many first time visitors to the club. With spectacular photos by Deborah Kral and others, many taken right in Beacon Harbor, he showed us how to identify dozens of species. Who would have thought that there were so many? I thought I knew my bird pretty well but there were quite a few that were new to me. The return of many of these species is a testament to all the efforts, large and small, to cleanup and protect the Hudson.

BEACON SLOOP CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERIES

Nature's New Deal:

FDR and the Roots of the Environmental Movement
w/ Neil M. Maher, PhD.

A Free Event

Thursday February 9
7:00 PM
Beacon Sloop Club
(Beacon Harbor)



Roosevelt's experiences in New York greatly influenced many of his later New Deal conservation programs. Learn about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and its impact on both the natural environment and local communities of the Hudson Valley region.



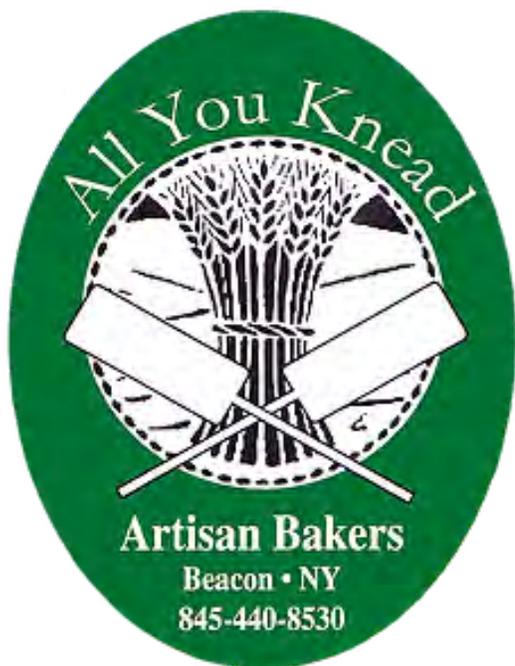
Neil is an associate professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and Rutgers University, where he teaches US environmental and political history. Neil has published articles in academic journals including the *Hudson River Valley Review*, and served as Historical Advisor for a PBS *American Experience* documentary on Franklin Roosevelt.

This event is made possible through the *NYS Public Scholars* program with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Treasury Report

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	1,084.40
Gross Sales of Inventory	1,415.00
Investment Income	3,296.62
Membership	170.00
Pumpkin Festival	5,076.00
Special Event	1,255.00
Total Income	12,297.02
Gross Profit	12,297.02
Expense	
Bank Expense	55.74
Facilities	52,001.44
Grants	1,185.00
Other Expenses	10,849.56
Printing, etc.	96.05
Pumpkin Expense	3,697.13
Total Expense	67,884.92
Net Ordinary Income	-55,587.90
Net Income	-55,587.90
Opening Cash Balance 10/01	205,697.41
Closing Cash Balance 10/31	150,109.51



Thank You Simone!!

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON



with Special Guest Director - Ivy Meeropol

Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant looms just 35 miles from Times Square. With over 50 million people living in close proximity to the aging facility, its continued operation has the support of the plant's operators and the NRC— Nuclear Regulatory Commission — at the same time it has stoked a great deal of controversy in the surrounding community, including a vocal anti-nuclear contingent concerned that the kind of disaster that happened at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant could happen here. In the brewing fight for clean energy and the catastrophic possibilities of government complacency on oversight, director Ivy Meeropol presents a balanced argument about the issues surrounding nuclear energy and offers a startling reality check for our uncertain nuclear future.

Friday, Jan. 27th, 2017

Doors open 7:00pm- film @ 7:30

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Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Jan. 24th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Feb. 3rd – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

RESIST THE TRUMP AGENDA, Sat. Jan. 21, 2-4pm Polhill Park/Visitors Center, Beacon, NY (main st. & rt. 9D across from City Hall and in front of Bank Square)
Please consider joining us in support of equality and civil rights for every human in this peaceful demonstration/vigil in Beacon.

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: Indian Point, Fri., Jan. 27, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) , First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY. Free. (845) 838 2415,
www.movieshatmatterbeacon.org

BSC Winter Lecture Series – Nature’s New Deal w/ Neil Maher PhD., Thur. Feb. 9, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

We could use a few more volunteers to help with potluck refreshments and set up for the winter lectures.

Contact: Steve Van der Merwe or Alan Thomas if you would like to help or can bring something.

Woody work parties will continue at the HRMM. Contact James Malchow to receive weekly updates.

We know it is cold but it’s still a rewarding experience to come out and contribute to the project.

Reminder:

For most people January is renewal time, so please send in your membership forms. Also, It’s a good time to update your contact info, and think about electronic vs. print newsletter delivery.

As always we will accommodate if the yearly fee is a burden. The money is important to us but our people are so much more valuable.

Those who choose email will get the newsletter sooner, with color graphics, and help to reduce our costs. This also puts you on the distribution for interim mailings regarding events and important issues. We try to be very discrete and limit emails to important items.

So...

Please renew. Our strength is our people and we need each and every one of you to carry out our mission.

Membership questions :

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Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
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