

TOWN OF ESOPUS

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TOWN OF ESOPUS ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

7:30 P.M.

January 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Membership Present:

Shari Aber Rev. Jennifer Barrows Francesca Sansone Mark Ellison,
Chairperson

TB Liaison: Kathie Quick- absent

Members Absent:

George Williamson-ok Rosalina Williamson-ok David Weisner-ok
2 Seats Open

Secretary: Position Open

Guests: Jason West, Director, Wallkill River Watershed Alliance

Chairperson Ellison called meeting of TOE Environmental Board to order at 7:31 pm with Pledge of Allegiance and advised those present of emergency exits.

Old Business

- Approval of minutes: November 16, 2016 and Notes of December 10, 2016 Cornell Presentation
- Membership status:
 - Two member positions still vacant. Secretarial position open.
 - May have members Shari Aber and Rev. Jennifer Barrows resigning soon.
- UC Environmental Management Council: Francesca S. will be our representative.
- Billboard signage- Shari will submit a proposal to tighten up language to include end date for signs to be removed, eventually.
- Train "Quiet Zones"- Jason W. offered to share contact to Shari of someone in Kingston who is working on this project.

New Business

- No referrals from Planning or Zoning Boards
- Transfer Station Assistance- George W. and Rosie W. were present for one Saturday morning. Francesca S. may be able to help. Mark E. delivered Recycling and Composting informational brochures from UCRRA for distribution.
- Mark and Francesca reported on Cornell University students' presentation of 12/10/2016. "Scenic Resource Protection Strategies for Your Community" There will be follow-up work.
- Clean Energy Communities Program- Tabled, Mark/Kathie to share info at February mtg.
- Mark reported on EDC mtg. CMP Committee will have first meeting Feb. 27th
- Mark will bring National Geographic's December 2016 issue Poster "Ulster Green" to Feb. mtg.
- Jason West, Director, Wallkill River Watershed Alliance participated during meeting, and stated that he was interested in sharing ideas, information, joint projects, and networking. He shared "Local Law" legislation that we may want to investigate to protect our wetlands, steep slopes, and open space. They also sponsor environmental programs at the Gardiner Library, and coordinate Wallkill River Sweep.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Ellison**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 7:30 pm