

Town of Esopus  
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes

February 4 , 2015

Members Present:                Shari, AnnMarie, Mark, Cathy Quick  
S. Pratt-Secretary

Absent:                                George, Marge & Rose, Gloria Van Vliet

1.     **Meeting Minutes** - Review of previous meeting agenda by Shari.
  
2.     **Community Garden** - Shari opened the discussion on ideas and workers for the garden, Ann Marie has an upcoming meeting with Cub Scout Trp #26 – Craig Johnson is coming to the meeting to discuss their contributions; and she is considering speaking with Steve Aaron regarding a parcel of property near the senior complex for the Community Garden as the Town is not interested in the garden being on site. Sheila said she has spoken with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers at Robert Graves to begin seedlings. We are also thinking of speaking to the Rec. Dept. regarding use of Ross Park and/or possibly incorporating the garden there.
  
3.     **Train Noise** – Shari received a response from her letter to Scenic Hudson regarding the increased levels of noise and their response indicated at this time they cannot devote any resources to this issue but share our concerns.
  
4.     **Transfer Station** - Cathy stated there was no news and that Diane and Gloria were working solutions.
  
5.     **Community Garden** - Ann Marie will speak to the local Boy Scout troop to gain their help with the Community Garden and will contact her niece who is an organic gardener for ideas on keeping it simple yet productive.
  
6.     **Pilgrim Pipeline** – Ann Marie has heard from the Rosendale community that there is both support and opposition for the project, and expressed her concerns for research on local impact and safety issues (January had five US disasters in one month) and our emergency management plan in the event of a disaster.
  
7.     **Letter to Governor** - Shari proposed sending a congratulatory letter to the office for banning fracking in NY as well as our concerns of the unsafe transportation of crude oil through our area via train tankers as well as river traffic.
  
7.     **Education Forum** – Dangerous Insects and Plants, Hogweed and its' invasion to the local area, most (recently seen by Shari in Hunter this past summer).

Meeting adjourned 8:00

Next meeting: March 23, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sheila Pratt,  
Environmental Board Secretary  
2/28/2015