

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
P.O. Box 700  
Port Ewen, NY  
TOWN OF ESOPUS ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Notes    Combined agenda March-April

April 18, 2018

**Members Present:**

Mark Ellison, Chairperson  
Laurie Sheridan  
Stephanie Erwin  
Francesca Sansone

**Members Absent:**

Bianca Capuano  
Kathie Quick  
Cynthia McVay

**Guests:** George Frantz @ Cornell University, Daniela Barth

**TB Liaison:**

**Secretary:** Stephanie Erwin

**Meeting called to order:** 7:06pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Old Business:**

- Approval of Minutes
- Membership status
- UC Environmental Management Council
- Comprehensive Plan Committee Update
- EDC Update
- Enhanced Drinking Water Protections (3/15 follow-up)
- Solar Smart Hudson Valley: Building clean energy and preserving important lands
- Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) - Montgomery (4/27, 5/11, 5/18)

**New Business:**

1. George Frantz, Cornell University, will be presenting final draft of our Town of Esopus Scenic Resource Inventory
    - Cities that have participated in Scenic Resource Inventory: Cornwall, Hyde, Esopus, Poughkeepsie, Beacon
    - First draft didn't place enough emphasis on 9-W corridor, Hudson Riverfront, farmland, and Round-out creek
    - Re-assessed methodology for parcel ranking: added prime agricultural soils to existing variables of river frontage, size of parcel, road frontage, contiguity (adjacent placement to other protected parcels, traffic volume (number of people that can actually enjoy viewshed)
  2. Saturday Tabling at Port Ewen Public Library
    - Passing out flyers at public book event
  3. Climate Action Planning Institute
    - Training on second Wednesday of every month
    - Need 1-2 volunteers from Town of Esopus Environmental Board
  4. May 5 Hudson River Clean-up - Lighthouse Park on River Rd. (11am-1pm)
    - In conjunction with Riverkeeper
  5. Request for Environmental Board Support
    - Voted Yes to support Scenic Hudson grant application for a bottomless culvert
  6. Enhanced Drinking Water Protections (3/15 follow-ups)
  7. Solarize Esopus - \$5,000 grant with NYSERDA to work with solar installers
    - Identifying group of solar installers
    - Need to choose 2 or 3 installers to do an assessment of residential and commercial properties where people were interested in putting solar on the roof or land.
    - Need to send letter to solar installers (27) to request proposals for solar installations
- Submitted by Stephanie Erwin