

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

Meeting Notes

July 2018

**Members Present:**

Mark Ellison, Chairperson  
Laurie Sheridan  
Stephanie Erwin  
Karen Helgers  
Laura Petit  
Francesca Sansone

**Members Absent:**

Cynthia McVay

**Guests:** n/ah

**TB Liaison:** Kathie Quick

**Secretary:** Stephanie Erwin

**Meeting called to order:** 7:10pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Notes**

**Updates:**

- Bianca Capuano has resigned from the Environmental Board due to health issues.
- There are currently 3 openings on the Environmental Board. Open to suggestions for new recruits. There are currently 3 potential new members who have been offered the opportunity to interview with the Town Board to join the Environmental Board including:
  - Daniela Barth (Mount Community Student)
- Next comprehensive plan meeting is Thursday, July 25, 2018.
- Economic development committee is next Tuesday, July 23, 2018 at 5:30pm

**New Business:**

- Discussion of banning vs fining use of plastic bags. Currently, a nickel deposit tax is the option proposed.
- Carex Frankii Survey scheduled from 9:15 am Friday July 20, 2018
- Invasive Species Awareness Week
- Environmental Board Budget for 2019 due August 1st. Board members discussed ideas to spend remaining 2018 money (events at Apple Festival? Solar merry-go-around? etc)
  - Potential changes to suggested budget for 2019

Meeting closes at 7:54pm

Submitted by Stephanie Erwin