

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD  
MEETING UNOFFICIAL MINUTES – JULY 17, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Ellison, Chairman  
Susan Barbarisi  
Susan Leiching (7:10 p.m.)  
Cynthia Mcvay (7:25 p.m.)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Laurie Sheridan  
Don Carragher  
Karen Helgers

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Councilperson Kathie Quick (7:30 p.m.)  
Legislator Laura Petit

**NO QUORUM**

**Stormwater Task Force**

There was no meeting of the Stormwater Taskforce. Tighe & Bond were presenting to the Town Board on August 20, 2019 and then to the Stormwater Task Force on August 21, 2019. As part of their contract, Tighe & Bond would be providing staff GIS training on August 23, 2019 & September 13, 2019.

**Regular Business of Environmental Board –**

**Old Business:**

**Membership** – Noel Russ was on the Agenda for the Town Board to be interviewed but had not been appointed to the Environmental Board to date. Chairman Ellison made Mr. Russ’ application and resume available. There is still 1 position open on the Board

**UC Environmental Management Council update** – Mark Ellison had provided the list of the Town of Esopus’ accomplishments to the Council for its database in the “cloud” and noted that he could provide link to anyone who wished to access same.

Secretary volunteered to provide information available from the Ulster County Planning Board relative to the proposed concrete plant site at Onteora Lake. EMC had requested applicants to go through SEQRA review.

Under natural resource inventory, Susan Winchell Sweeney had requested for joint venture with Bard college students preparing GIS inventory and Supervisor Harris was going to forward letter of support for grant which won’t start until 2020.

Joan Burroughs had requested a letter of support for a CFA grant being sought in conjunction with Scenic Hudson. Mark Ellison provided a copy of the letter that had been prepared and forwarded.

**New Business:**

Date to conduct the Carex Frankii count was set for Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., July 23 with an alternate date of July 25.

**Chairman called for a Motion to approve the June 19, 2019.** Upon Motion of Susan Barbarisi, seconded by Cynthia Mcvay, the minutes were approved 4-0.

Susan Leiching agreed to research and to draft a complete streets policy.

Legislator Manna Jo Greene had requested a representative from the Town of Esopus to attend the Ulster County Climate Smart Committee and Mark had provided Don Carragher’s information.

**Compost Campaign** – Legislator Laura Petit was to conduct Composting 101 on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Town Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Registrations could be made through Mark Ellison. Residents were required to attend the class to obtain a certificate and a free composting bin. Susan Barbarisi would be reaching out to the gardener at Holy Cross to see if he was interested in attending.

**Climate Smart Task Force – Discussion commenced at 7:47 p.m.**

Charge Ready New York Program – Susan Leiching was investigating. The Town could partner with the Esopus Library to pursue grant but the Library couldn’t be the receiver of the grant. Susan Leiching was going to reach out to representatives at Rosendale to see if she was able to obtain a copy of the grant request that had been drafted Rosendale to obtain charging station monies.

LED streetlight calculator form sent by Karen Helgers. The information from the Town doesn't coincide with the information provided by Central Hudson. Mark Ellison would check with Town to make sure the form was correct, signed off and submitted for credit.

Don Carragher would be chairing the August 21, 2019 meeting.

**CPC Update** – Plan was adopted by Town Board on July 9, 2019 and would be forwarded to the Ulster County Planning Board for final approval in August. New committee to address zoning amendments would be created. Legislator Laura Petit recommended that the EB make recommendations to adopt zoning to address air quality to protect against power producing factories (ie Glidepath).

**NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING: August 21, 2019**

The unofficial meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: July 30, 2019

Lisa Mance, Board Secretary