

TOWN OF ESOPUS ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Notes

October 17, 2018

Members Present:

Mark Ellison, Chairperson

Karen Helgers

Cynthia McVay

Francesca Sansone

Laurie Sheridan

Stephanie Erwin

Guests: n/ah

TB Liaison: Kathie Quick

UC Legislator: Laura Petit, Absent

Secretary: Stephanie Erwin

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Updates

- UC Environmental Mgmt Council
 - Council still calling for letters/comments on stormwater prevention until November.
- Comprehensive Plan Update (initial first draft)
 - Mark received suggested edits from Cynthia & Laura & Diane Dintruff and forwarded
- Economic Development Committee
 - No updates at this time
- Zoning Board Committee
 - Reviewed minutes from zoning board committee
 - Discussed suggesting environmental board liaison to the zoning board

New Business

- Sustainable Shorelines webinar on Friday 10/19 at 2pm
- Jim O'Dowd, a leader in Climate Reality Project, speaking at New Paltz on Tuesday 10/23 @ 7pm
- Ulster County EMC is hosting a Saturday workshop on waste mgmt addressing today's challenges: 11/10 at 8:45am-1pm @ SUNY Ulster
- Can RSVP to attend Central Hudson Electric Vehicle Summit (free to RSVP)

General Topics under Discussion

- Environmental discussed potential strategies to increase communications to residents of Esopus (social media, Town of Esopus calendar, bulletins, texting, etc). Possible to discuss further with Melanie.
- 2019 Esopus Environmental Meeting times → Potential monthly meeting day change to 4th Tuesday of every month
- Solarize Esopus → leftover money for campaign marketing, should we use to print pamphlets on why solar is a good option for Esopus residents? Do we think it will help incentivize residents to sign up for informational visit & cost-benefit analysis from installers?

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- Climate Action Planning Institute → currently compiling greenhouse gas inventory for the Town of Esopus (including Central Hudson electricity, heating fuel, town fleet data, propane, etc.)
- **Meeting closed at 8:29pm Submitted by Stephanie Erwin**