

TOWN OF ESOPUS
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TOWN OF ESOPUS ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
November 9th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairman: Mark Ellison

Members Present: Shari Aber, AnneMarie Belfiglio

Absent: George, Rosie Williamson, Jennifer Barrows

Secretary: Sheila Pratt

TB Liaison: Gloria Van Vliet

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm -
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All stand for the pledge.
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** October minutes distributed at meeting.
4. **OLD BUSINESS - FREER PARK PIT:** Mark began a discussion regarding the pit and his concerns for the fencing, as well as the status of the dredge material. Gloria stated that it is beginning to dry and will take some time. Any concerns for the fence should be referred to the TOE Building Dept., she stated it is being monitored daily. Mark expressed his thanks for Supervisor Barnett's quick response in regard to this issue.
5. **JOINT MEETING OF BOARDS ON OCT. 22, 2015/ BOARD MEMBERS AVAILABLE-** Mark and Sheila attended for the Environmental Board. Mark felt the discussions were constructive and all board members wanted better communication. Supervisor Barnett suggested that the boards email each other Agendas & Minutes monthly to keep each board better informed of actions taken by others and issues that need to be addressed. Gloria expressed concerns about our members not being able to attend on a consistent basis; change of meeting day needed? Mark will discuss this at the December meeting.
6. **COMMUNITY GARDEN** - Our intention is to keep moving forward with this project and that we begin the planning in February for the 2016 garden. We will look at the "Hudson Valley Seed Catalog" to choose varieties of vegetables for this growing area. In the spring Sheila/Annemarie will contact The Birches and create a plan/schedule for weeding, watering, and planting for this season. Annemarie asked that the funds raised by the Boy Scout troop for the Community Garden be returned to them as we weren't able to coordinate/work with them over the summer on the garden due to schedule conflicts.
7. **TRANSFER STATION** – Gloria stated there were no changes as we have no contract with our present contractor. She stated that rates were raised in July and the town is struggling to make a profit there; and it is going out to bid again in 2016.

8. **EDUCATIONAL FORUM** – Mark wants to get in touch with DEC for an educational session at our January meeting, (possibly trees/invasive species) and will research ideas for over the winter.

Other Business: None – Mark thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and we adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting: December 14th, 2015

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Pratt, Secretary
Environmental Board - November 20th, 2015