

TOWN OF ESOPUS
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2010

Members In Attendance

Emily Pereira - Chairperson
Don Cole
Sean Fitzgerald
Susan Holland
Kathie Quick - Liaison to Waterfront Advisory Board
Karyn E. Grieco - Secretary

Non Members In Attendance

Gloria VanVliet - Liaison to Town Board

Members Absent

Jennifer Barrows
Kate Landi
Olivia Belfiglio

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm by Emily.

An updated Membership List was distributed and the Minutes from March 17th meeting were passed out, reviewed, and corrected as follows:

1- Sean did not recall offering to link the April 17th Collection Event to our website. Gloria noted that Mike Rice added this info to the town Web site, at the request of Diane McCord.

Don made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Sean, approved by all.

Don made a motion to approve my pay voucher, seconded by Sean, approved by all.

Gloria stated that Karyn has been appointed by the Town Board to fill the member vacancy of the Environmental Board. Emily will check to see if Olivia plans on remaining a member of the Board.

Susan had a copy of the Town Code from Jan. 15, 2008, where in Chapter 9 we are actually the Environmental Board not an Advisory Board.

Sapling Giveaway - Saturday April 24th -

The word is out -

Emily had put on cable. Don put up signs. Giveaway was noted in the Library newsletter.

Dan Murray was to contact the PTA at Anna Devine and Michelle Higgins was to contact the PTA at Graves.

According to Kathie - Karen Mains needs 2 months notice to have signs prepared. Kathie also suggested that a sign be placed at Town Hall directing folks to the Library. She will work with Emily and Don to put up a large oaktag sign where the new memorial is going.

Gloria asked Emily to mention to Dan Shapley about a Freeman Brief. The Freeman needs a 2 week notice.

Giveaway Poster -

Emily provided a VERY NICE sample of what the poster would look like and a discussion followed as to what could be tweaked in order to enhance it. Kathie suggested indicating how much can be saved - one ton of recycling versus one ton of garbage haul away saves \$89. Don mentioned again to put donations welcome and that we could put the money back in to our budget. Karyn suggested adding contact names and phone numbers and rewording the meeting info to be consistent with the handout brochure

Susan put together a WONDERFUL display for use at the Library showing the details on the three different varieties of saplings being offered

Emily is trying to locate some handouts she had on planting and care of the saplings for the giveaway. Dan Shapley was to contact Lou Sebesta from the D.E.C. about attending. We were told that this only was done today and did not know if he would be coming.

Don asked what was going to happen to any left over saplings. We'll deal with it on Saturday.

Emily asked Gloria if she had visited the Rosendale transfer station yet. Gloria is waiting to see if several members of the Town Council would be able to attend as a group on some Saturday. She hopes this will take place before our next meeting.

Kathie mentioned this past November there was a roundtable meeting in Rosendale with the County Environmental Management Council and the Conservation Advisory Council in order to network and discuss and provide feedback as to how each of the environmental boards operates. There is another roundtable planned for in the future.

The time has come to update our Brochure -

Emily had emailed the old brochure to the Board Members. Made available at the meeting were brochures from the City of Kingston and the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency. Over the next few weeks we will all take a look at them and bring ideas to the next meeting as to how to adapt ours to current interests and needs, such as changes to our e-mail address and updates to the FAQs.

Emily has some recycling brochures she will look at and Kathie will ask the Ulster County Management Council for theirs.

Kathie mentioned that the waterfront cleanup was this past Saturday, April 17th but due to the rain it was changed to Sunday the 18th. About 15 people showed up. There were some squatters along the area and the Sheriff's Department was contacted to ask them to leave. There was also some major dumping from the Landing to #220 River Road and Vinnie Decker was contacted to see about having a work team sent to clean it up.

Emily asked about the Harvester and Gloria said that the Town does not have the final payment of \$60,000 as they are waiting for Grant money. The Harvester should be here May 15th.

Don made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and was seconded by Sean

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting Wednesday May 19, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco - Secretary
May 11, 2010