

TOWN OF ESOPUS
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2011

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jennifer Barrows
Emily Pereira
Karyn Grieco
Kathie Quick
Sean Fitzgerald
Wayne Freer (Town Board Liaison)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Done Cole
Rich Williams

GUESTS

Marc Ellison

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Emily made a motion to accept the minutes from June 15, 2011, seconded by Jennifer, approved by all. Jennifer made a motion to accept the secretary's pay voucher, seconded by Sean, approved by all.

We welcomed our guest this evening, Marc Ellison. Marc received a Master of Science in Education in 1985 and a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1972 and has expressed a desire in becoming our next Environmental Board member. The Town Board has been given his resume and qualifications for review and be meeting with him tomorrow (aug. 18) evening. Good Luck Marc.

There was some discussion as to the Environmental Board and Waterfront Advisory Board doing a joint table for the Bicentennial at the Town Hall on October 1st. Karyn will look in to the cost to purchasing a item personalized from both Boards for them to hand out.

BUDGET

The 2011 budget was	\$400.00
Sapling purchase	-138.00
Brochures	<u>-202.00</u>
Remaining funds	\$ 60.00

Emily will work on preparing a budget request for 2012.

WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD

Kathie reported that the Department of State Division of Coastal Management has given preliminary approval for the placement of cables along the eastern shoreline of the Hudson River for the purpose of delivering power from Lake Champlain and being a renewable energy source. There will be two(2) cables measuring six(6) inches in diameter that will carry a direct current from Quebec Canada to a new power plant in Queens.

NEW BUSINESS

SHORELINE ART WORK

Wayne Freer presented information about artist Raquel Rabinovich and a brochure and photos of her series of art call *Emergences*. Her art gallery is the shoreline and each work of art consists of moderately sized stones arranged in cluster. Indigenous rocks mingle with those the artist introduces to the site, such as pink marble, bluestone and chunks of Corinthian marble. Her sculptures merge in to the natural setting, barely intruding upon the landscape at high tide and completely disappearing at high tide. [GOOGLE](#) Raquel Rabinovich to view her art work.

Raquel approached the Town indicating that she would like to create one of her sculptures at Lighthouse Park, using the existing stones at low tide. The Environmental Board felt that if by placing her art work in such a way that would help with the erosion at the Park then it would be a win-win situation for both. Kathie made a motion to approve the placement of the art work at Lighthouse Park, seconded by Emily, approved by all.

BLACK CREEK KAYAKING

Jennifer spoke about contacting the CAC from the Town of Lloyd. She would like to see a joint event between the Town of Lloyd and the town of Esopus. We will be discussing this in further detail at our September meeting.

MAPPING

The mapping of the Natural Resources within the Town needs to become a priority. Jennifer has taken a class on mapping , as also has Marc Ellison. They plan n using the knowledge and understanding of the process to map the Ascension Church property which consists of 15 acres. Once that is done they will able to bring that experience to the Town to help with doing ours.

The Highway Department has already done the GIS (Geographic Imaging System) for the storm water drains, culverts etc. as well as the streams and ponds. We would like to be able to use that information and and another layer to it indicating the natural resources.

STREET LIGHTS

The Town of Esopus pays a flat (not a per light) fee to Central Hudson for the street lights. The Town had an agreement with Central Hudson to replace the old mercury vapor bulbs with more efficient bulbs at the rate of 5% per year. Emily will contact Dave Murray, who was our CH contact, to see if we can get an update on the process. Wayne asked all of us to be aware of the street lights as we are driving at nights and if anyone should see a light that is out to please report the location and pole number to the Town Hall.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.
Jennifer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathie, approved by all.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco
Secretary.