

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

**April 16, 2008**

**Present:** Andrew Bicking, Chairman, Emily Pereira, Michelle Higgins, David Higgins, Cathy Quick, David Murray, Susan Holland, Corrine Brown

**Town Board Liaison:** Debbie Silvestro

Chairman Andrew Bicking called the meeting the order at 7:00pm.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the March 19, 2008 Environmental Board meeting were approved.

**Payroll** – Payroll for secretarial service were approved.

**Website Development** - Susan Holland discussed updating and improving the website. She offered to do the work in cooperation with the Town Webmaster, Mike Rice.

**Recycling** - Howie Slotnik has been contacted to update signage at the recycling center. The Board discussed option on how to get people to the recycling center. Michelle Higgins offered to contact the UCRRA and find out how the Esopus recycling center was doing compared to other Towns in the County.

**Energy Audit** - David Murray gave update on the energy audit for the new town lighting and Town Hall. The Board recommended moving forward. He provided energy information on State and Town owned lighting fixtures. Mr. Murray has discussed the audit with Pat Courtney from Energy Smart. The cost for an audit is \$500 but may be reimbursable depending on actions taken by the Town to reduce energy consumption.

**Annual “Breathe Green Esopus” Plant Give-Away-** Emily Pereira finalized details of plant give-away for April 19. David Higgins was to do the signs for the event. The plants had been ordered and would arrive any day. There was also discussion on the joint effort between the WAB and Environmental Committee for the Annual Clean River Sweep.

**New Business** - Dan Shapley has applied for the vacancy.