

TOWN OF LLOYD ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COUNCIL [ECC]

Minutes, August 17, 2009 [DRAFT]

Location: Lloyd Town Hall

Attended: *Members:* Sue Frampton (chair), Jack Maguire, Kelly Oggenfuss; *Guests:* Jennifer Barrows, Andy Bicking, Susan Holland, David Murray, Dan Shapley (Esopus Environmental Board [EEB]); Scott Cuppett, Laura Heady (Hudson River Estuary Program, DEC); Maryanne McGovern (Scenic Hudson)

Frampton called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Oggenfuss/Maguire moved/seconded that the minutes of July 20 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Black Creek Ballast Clear-Up: confirmed for 9:30 am, Saturday, August 29, 2009

Critical Environmental Area [CEA] Designations

- Maguire agreed to write them for Illinois Mountain, the Black Creek Corridor, and the riverfront.
- Frampton advised submitting them simultaneously to the Town and Planning Boards.

Biodiversity GIS Data: Hudson River Estuary Program and NY Heritage Program: Heady announced she would be sending this data, which includes important biodiversity areas in Lloyd, to David Barton, Town Building Department.

“Meeting between the Towns”: ECC and EEB

- McGovern presented maps of the Mid-Hudson Scenic District West to the ECC and EEB.
- Bicking summarized the EEB’s history, saying that a recent lighting survey had helped the EEB gain credibility in Esopus. He said that the EEB is interested in knowing what the Esopus natural resources are, does not currently review Planning Board applications, and would like to be more proactive regarding land-use issues.
- Heady advised that the best things for a town environmental organization to do are to attend Planning Board meetings, take advantage of trainings, and strive for objectivity.
- Frampton reviewed the EEC’s history and identified the Black Creek Water Trail expansion, including a possible Chodikee Lake pier and land trails in Esopus, as an ideal EEC-EEB collaborative project.
 - o Cuppett advised that a good resource for lumber on such a project would be the Bruderhof and for labor, the college campuses in Rifton and Ulster Park.
 - o McGovern said that Scenic Hudson could provide survey maps for old woods roads north of Chodikee Lake. She added that she could help in applying for an “environmental protection fund grant” to do the rest of the trail and that the PACE land-use law center was a valuable resource in this process.
 - o Cuppett said he could help us apply for such a grant.
 - o To get such a grant, one town could apply with the other town as a partner, and a 50% matching grant would be involved.
 - o Frampton advised that Lloyd could not meet the current application deadline of September 16.
- Cuppett said he would like to see the development of a Regional Watershed Management Plan, with county support.

- Murray, describing EEB activities, said that Esopus had a water chestnut harvester. He also gave details of the recent lighting survey, cooperating with Central Hudson to replace mercury vapor bulbs and, as a result, cut electricity costs. He said that the change has saved Esopus \$12,000 annually.
- To assist the EEC and EEB to do a natural resource inventory, Heady agreed to develop a paper map and summary of habitat resources for the Towns of Lloyd and Esopus.
- Frampton proposed setting up a meeting between the Town Supervisors of Lloyd and Esopus. Frampton and Bicking agreed to contact their respective Town Supervisors. Three dates were proposed for the 4 pm meeting: Oct. 8, 9, or 16. EEC and EEB attendees developed a list of possible issues to discuss at this meeting:
 - o Black Creek Water-Land Trail expansion
 - o Natural resource inventory
 - o Riverfront conservation
 - o Conservation of the Plutarch-Swartekill area
 - o Development of conservation overlays
 - o Intermunicipal land-use training
 - o Regional tourism development
 - o Shared use of Esopus's water chestnut harvester
 - o Lighting surveys
- Heady distributed DEC brochures and CDs to ECC and EEB attendees.
- Frampton gave a contact list to each attendee.

Maguire/Frampton moved/seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Submitted by Jack Maguire in the absence of Donna Deeprise, ECC secretary