

**Town of Esopus  
Minutes of the Environmental Board  
February 18, 2009**

Present: Chairman, Emily Pereira, David Murray, Susan Holland, Dan Shapley, Kathy Quick, and Andrew Bicking

Absent – Kate Landi

Town Liaison: Debbie Silvestro

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Esopus Town Hall**

**RECYCLING - Silvestro**

Deb reported that the contract recommendations forwarded by the Environmental Committee for the transfer station contractor, Dankelmann and Associates, was discussed at the Town Board meeting. The Board did not make a decision yet regarding the contract. She had mentioned the concept of the “Swap Shack” at the Town meeting, and concerns about liability. Environmental Committee members were planning at being at the next Town Board meeting.

**LIGHTING SURVEY - Murray**

Murray reported on the lighting survey which is 90 % done and on target for completion by the March Committee meeting. It will be ready for presentation to the Town Board in April with recommendations. He will need help compiling information on the Port Ewen area, and two other areas. There was discussion on arranging for a speaker at one of the Town Board meetings, and community involvement with other Town Boards.

**WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD - Quick**

Quick reviewed the water chestnut harvester status and a vehicle to transport it. She also mentioned that the date for the Water Chestnut Harvest would be approved at the next WAB meeting.

There was discussion on the next tree sapling give- away and Earth day events.

**NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY**

The Wallkill River Land Trust has been compiling information with the Town. Chris Duncan expressed interest in working with the Town to identify resources. Unconventional look for cooperative agreements while in private ownership to manager property as a long--term lease. Duncan sent Bicking data on the Town. Bicking

recommended a sit down w/ Scenic Hudson re: mapping out of Black Creek and Estuary Program. Hudsonia also goes under contract w/ municipalities to train individuals. The Board agreed to try and get a speaker to present at Town forum- maybe jointly w/ another Town board. Bicking committed to lining up a speaker.

### **ANNUAL SAPLING GIVEAWAY**

To be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. There was discussion about getting Lou Sebastia to speak to Residents.

**Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.**