

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD  
NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

Andy Bicking, Chairman; Cathy Quick; Emily Pereira; Dan Shapley; David Murray; Michelle Higgins

Called to order 7:10 pm

Absent: Susan Holland; Carrine Brown

TOWN LIASON: Deb Silvestro

**MINUTES**

Name spelling correction to Emily Pereira and Dan Shapley. Motion to approve minutes as amended made by David Murray and seconded by Emily Pereira. All present in favor.

**2009 Membership**

Cathy Quick to stay on and will be new Chair for Waterfront Board. Dan Shapley will be staying on. Michelle Higgins is not going to stay on. She would like to see what other towns are doing and maybe come back in a year or two. Believes the board needs to work on cultivating relationships with other board members within the Town. Chair position discussion to have Emily Pereira replace Andy Bicking as board chair. Andy will stay on board but will write letter to Town Board of resignation as chair. Dan Shapley offered to assist Emily Pereira with Chair duties. Louise Ferrante and Carrine Brown also stepping down in 2009. New potential members Chris Bowser and Mira Fink. Emily to check with Katherine Landi.

**Lighting Survey**

Andy reported a lot of discrepancies in the list. Dave Murray indicated that many of the old mercury vapor fixtures are inefficient and that the Town is charged per fixture plus electricity. Can save a lot of money by changing the fixtures which are owned by Central Hudson. Next steps, Dave Murray will compile all of the information from the survey once received by the group. Will come up with the list first and then approach the Town with recommendations and a dollar figure in cost savings.

**Recycling Contract**

Recycling contract is up for renewal in January. Have a subcommittee review and present some recommendations to the Town Board. Scrap metal could be sold and revenues could go to the Town. Deb will alert the Town Board that the EAB will be reviewing the contract. The question came up as to

what it would cost the Town to run the transfer station. Dankelmann also currently runs Plattekill TS. Deb will try and contact the Town of Plattekill re: their contract with Dankelmann.

Dan spoke with DEC recycling coordinator. Suggested Rhinebeck and Gardiner as good models for updated Transfer Station. National recycling coalition & Coke a Cola grant. 2 cycles/yr and can get recycling bins. David suggested that the Transfer Station needs to have a swap shack.

### **2009 Hudson Fulton Quadri centennial Event**

Marion of the Waterfront Board would like to organize something with the EAB on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Freer Park Pavilion- educational booth.

### **New Business**

Will move December's meeting to Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Andy will notify Diane and Kingston Freeman.

Focus of December's meeting will be to define goals for 2009. Michelle will include in her resignation letter to reiterate to the Town of the vital function of the EAB. Proposed goals: natural resources inventory, presentation of lighting survey, speakers and guests, Hudson Fulton Celebration.

- Natural resource survey is long term goal to gain EAB legal standing in Town. Can conduct National resources inventory to be approved by the Town and State. Andy will speak with Seth McKee in New Paltz on how Town of New Paltz was able to do this.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm