

TOWN OF ESOPUS
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathie Quick Bill Benson
Marion Zimmer Kathy Weitze
Joe Guido Mike Minor

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Rosemarie Kristofy Carol TomasettI
Eli Schloss

Gloria VanVliet (Town Board Liaison)

Kathie called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes from 11/27/2012, seconded by Marion, approved by all.

There was no Secretary pay voucher needing approval.

ZONING BOARD

Joe Guido has taken the place of Don Cole with respect to being a member of the WAR as well as the Liaison for the Zoning Board. As such, Joe indicated that there was nothing to report.

PLANNING BOARD

Mike indicated that the request of the Ferguson's to permit Weddings and Receptions to be held on their property is still under review.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Karyn informed the WAR that Scenic Hudson will be attending the Feb. 20th meeting to discuss the documentation of the location of Frank's Sedge at the Sleightsburg Spit Park as per easement and prior agreement with the Town. It was also mentioned that Laura Petit is involved in the Transfer Station in New Paltz and perhaps the EB can contact her regarding recycling.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathie distributed the 2012 Annual Report as well as meeting dates for 2013 indicating meetings will take place the 4th Tuesday each month as needed.

Marion spoke about the Esopus Parks Utilization Initiative that Diane Dintruff is hoping Scenic

Hudson will take the lead on. The initiative is being looked at by Diane as a means to promote awareness and tourism with the Town.

It was mentioned that Dan Shapley wants to know if the Town Board is interested in this project. Gloria stated that those interested should attend the Town Board's Workshop to present the idea. Next workshop is Feb. 4th .

NEW BUSINESS

Sleightsburg Park Clean Up - To take place sometime in May.
Perhaps co-ordinate with the Great River Sweep. Check for low tides. Last year's was held on April 21st and there was already growth that inhibited productivity. May need to revisit date.

Marion provided the following (after the meeting but before the minuted were prepared) The Library, on April 27th, is having a family outdoor program and has reserves a space for the Environmental Board to have their annual sapling giveaway on the same day.

Freer Park Beach - Geese appear to be a problem. Planting a low hedge or shrub between the lawn and the water was discussed. If the geese can not see the water they will not stay. Gloria also mentioned that there were some people interested in having volleyball games at the Park but the geese droppings proved to be a problem. Further discussion to be at the February meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Unless otherwise announced, all meeting will take place the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco
Secretary