

TOWN OF ESOPUS
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathie Quick Marion Zimmerman
Rosemarie Kristofy Carol Tomassetti
Michael Minor Bill Benson

Gloria VanVliet (Liaison)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Don Cole
Kathy Weitze
Eli Schloss

GUEST

Donna McAuley

Kathie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mike made a motion to accept the minutes from Oct. 25, 2011 meeting and approve the Secretary's pay voucher, seconded by Rosemarie and approved by all.

ZONING BOARD

Nothing to report.

PLANNING BOARD

Mike presented a lot line deletion requested by Mr. Heppner on Tilden Street. The paper street known as East Stout had been divided and sold to the adjoining property owners. Mr Heppner would like to combine this new parcel with the existing which would allow a lot with sufficient square footage to accommodate a residence with an auxiliary apartment. Once the two lots are combined the Zoning Department would okay his request. The Waterfront Advisory Board had no issues regarding this matter and Kathie will send a letter to the Town Board stating same.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Kathie was unable to attend the Feb. 15th meeting. Karyn reported that there were only two members present along with the Town Liaison. Other than a discussion regarding the need for new members, there was no business conducted.

GREAT RIVER SWEEP - PARK CLEAN UP

As there appears to be a lot going on this Spring, there was a discussion as to whether to hold the event this year vs. every other year, the concern being will there be enough volunteers. As this has been an annual event for the past fourteen (14) years, it was decided to continue with the tradition. The clean up of the Sleighsburg Park will take place on Saturday, April 21st between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm (noon). Kathie will prepare a flyer and email to Board Members to print and distribute. She will also speak with Diane McCord (Town Clerk) to have the event placed on channel 23 and to be submitted in the Freeman. She will also arrange for a dumpster.

There was talk about combining the day with the Environmental Board Sapling give away should they do it again this year.

The Library will be planting a tree on Sunday, April 22nd in recognition of Earth Day.

CHESTER

CONGRATULATIONS to the Waterfront Advisory Board and Chester's Crew and numerous volunteers for being the recipient of a \$4500 cash prize (actually the Town receives the \$\$) as a result in their participation in the Northeast Regional Waterfront Challenge sponsored by Interlux. They set a goal, worked extremely hard in clearing out the water chestnuts at the beach and the end result - A JOB WELL DONE !!

Kathie recognized Carol Tomassetti for the major role she played in the planning, organization and implementation of the of the project. THANK YOU CAROL !!

Chester and his crew also received the "Pride of Ulster County Award" YEAH !!

There was a discussion as to recommendations as how to best use the monies. Some suggestions were to use some to promote use of the water, purchase a lighter craft to be used by the volunteers being transported from the shore to Chester and possibly purchasing a depth finder to help in locating the retaining wall which is revealed only during extremely low tides.

This years goals would be to seek more volunteers, start the planning process in early April with the prior volunteers, then have a training session with the new volunteers in late April, followed by a refresher course for all in late May. Carol plans on meeting with John Coutant (Town Supervisor) in late March to start things moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Marion spent quite a bit of time (Thank You Marion) researching and preparing a letter addressed the this Board containing recommendations, suggestions and ideas on how to improve our waterfronts. There was a brief discussion of some of the items in her letter - a copy of with is included as an attachment along with these minutes (TOE WAB MARION)

Kathie and Mike plan to attend the March 13th Town Board Workshop and present Marion's letter.

Kathie handed out the current membership list as well as a list with all the meeting dates for 2012.

Kathie will be away and unable to attend the March 27th meeting. Mike will chair the meeting in her place.

There being no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rosemarie and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday March 27th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco
Secretary