

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bill Benson                      Mike Minor  
Carol Tomasetti                Kathy Weitze  
Marion Zimmer

Gloria Van Vliet ( Town Board Liaison )

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Don Cole                      Rosemarie Kristofy  
Eli Schloss                    Kathie Quick

**GUEST** -                    Diane Ditruff

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Kathie is away on vacation. Mike will be chairing this evenings meeting.

Carol made a motion to accept the minutes from Feb. 28, 2012, seconded by Marion and approved by all.

Kathy W. made a motion to accept the Secretary's pay voucher, seconded by Bill and approved by all.

Karyn mentioned that New York State Open Meetings Law requires that agendas be made available to the public prior to the meeting. The agendas can be posted to the Town's Website Calendar.

**ZONING BOARD**

Nothing to be reported

**PLANNING BOARD**

Mike mentioned that the Massage School on 9W is considering using their site for Weddings. Should they wish to do so it would constitute a change in use and a public hearing would be required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

Karyn reported the following was covered at the Environmental Board 's meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 -

The Annual Sapling Giveaway at the Town Library will be on Sunday ( Earth Day ) April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Annmarie Glenn was welcomed as the newest member of the Environmental Board.

The planting of Community Gardens.

The Proposed Town Law pertaining to Fracking Fluids .

## **THE USE OF FRACKING FLUIDS**

The Town Board provided both the Environmental Board and the Waterfront Advisory Board with a proposed TOWN OF ESOPUS LAW TO BAN THE USE OF FRACKING FLUIDS and asked that they review a give an opinion.

It has been suggested that the Brine product from fracking may be used as a de-icer on the roadways. There has been some testing done with results that suggest that chemicals remaining in the "treated brine" may cause disease and death. This Brine is labeled as Industrial Waste. Mike strongly protested the use of the Brine our roadways, specifically east of 9W, where run off may occur in to the Hudson River and the Rondout Creek and in other areas such as the Wallkill River.

Gloria mentioned that Ulster County is also considering such a ban that would first require a public hearing.

After review and consideration of the proposed law, it is therefore the opinion of this Board to support the Town of Esopus in banning the use of fracking fluids.

## **RIVERKEEPER PROJECT**

Mike mentioned Riverkeeper's Project about the collecting of water from the Rondout Creek and Wallkill River for the purpose of testing it for fecal contamination. Volunteers are needed for a few hours each Saturday from April through November.

For more information on the program go to <http://www.riverkeeper.org/water-quality/locations/>

To volunteer contact Dan Shapley at [dshapley@riverkeeper.or](mailto:dshapley@riverkeeper.or) or call 914-478-4501 ext 226.

## **GREAT RIVER SWEEP**

Volunteers are welcome to participate in this year's **Great River Sweep** taking place at Sleightsburg Park on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 12 noon. (Rain date 4/22 10am-1pm). Carol has forwarded the info on to the Chester Crew. Arrangements for a dumpster and porta-potty will be made. There was some discussion as to how to deter individuals who frequent the park ( day users, fishermen, boaters, etc.) from leaving their garbage behind.

### **CHESTER**

Carol plans on meeting with John Coutant to set up a training schedule. More volunteers are also needed and she will also contact Diane McCord about a posting on Channel 23.

Mike mentioned that he has been searching for a boat on Craigslist should the approval be granted for the purchase of one to aid the Chester crew.

He said he has seen a price range of \$200 to \$500.

### **TOWN BOARD'S RESPONSE TO MARION'S LETTER**

Marion's letter of concerns with respect to the waterfront areas was presented to the Town Board at their last meeting. It was indicated that the fill that has been dumped in the areas of the walking paths at Minturn and Tilden Streets will eventually be leveled, seeded and maintained. ( It was suggested at this meeting that Mike Cafaldo be contacted ). With respect to rebuilding the sea wall at the south end of George Freer Park, Gloria said it had been mentioned but that there was no real discussion on the matter. As it is along the shore line, DEC will need to give approval for any work being done. Marion will research materials and costs as well as look in to getting Grant monies for the project. The Town Board asked about possibly getting a grant for Lighthouse Park.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

With the Great River Sweep taking place on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco  
Secretary

