

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT - Bill Benson, Joe Guido, Brett Gehrke, Rosemarie Kristofy, Mike Minor, Kathie Quick, Eli Schloss, Carol Tomasetti, Marion Zimmer. And Town Board Liaison Diane McCord.

Kathie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and introduced new Board member Brett Gehrke. Welcome Brett. She also distributed an Annual Report for 2013 as well as a current Board Member list.

Carol made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Bill and approved by all.

ZONING BOARD - Joe indicated there was nothing new to report.

PLANNING BOARD - Guest Kate Kane, park planner for Scenic Hudson was introduced. Kate spoke of a Scenic Hudson plans to build a Gazebo just passed Lighthouse Park. As this project requires Planning Board approval, there will be a public hearing in May and Scenic Hudson would like to begin construction in June. The Gazebo will have a 20x14 platform but will have an 1800 sq ft roof that will extend over the platform to cover stadium style seating overlooking the River. The pavilion will have an industrial look made of steel beam construction with an open air feel so that when one looks at it they will actually see through it. Scenic Hudson is working with Barry Price on the project. Also in the plan is a new outhouse with a toilet hooked up to the sewer line, a slop sink with a pump to move along the grey water, improvement on the trail from Lighthouse Park to Esopus Meadows and improve the parking area to include nine spaces (7 regular & 2 handicap). Scenic Hudson also plans to move the existing shed to Lighthouse Park and make it available to the Town for storage of the rowboat that is used in conjunction with Chester. A group use permit will be available for use of the gazebo.

Kathie will prepare a letter for the Planning Board indicating that any questions this Board asked were answered satisfactorily and that this Board supports the project. When the time comes, this Board would like to review the shed placement.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD - Information on recycling is being gathered for a new brochure. Included will be cost comparisons, potential savings, hints & tips, how to dispose of florescent bulbs & electronics, household hazardous day collection dates and useful & helpful links. The plants from the Riparian Packet from Saratoga Tree Nursery grow too high and would require routine maintenance. Ideally what is needed is that which would help avoid erosion and at the same time deter the geese Whatever is planted needs not to interfere with other interest groups and kayak users. Eli mentioned a DEC Program ( Trees for Tributaries ) that offer native, low growing plants. He will get more information to Kathie.

It was mentioned that the erosion continues down at Lighthouse Park. Rocks had been removed from the previous sea wall and as a result the water is infringing further into the park. Eli will speak with Kate Kane from Scenic Hudson ( she had left after talk on the gazebo) about the placement of a soft bulkhead or riparian buffer.

RIVER SWEEP- On April 26<sup>th</sup>m members of this Board, along with volunteers ( Bruderhof, 4H & others) will meet at Sleightsburg Park from 9 am to 11 am. A dumpster is being placed to collect the garbage after separating that which can be recycled. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, RIVERKEEPER will conduct a clean up at the Lighthouse Park - Esopus Meadows area. This will take place during low tide 3-ish to 6-ish. Volunteers are encouraged to assist in either or both.

CHESTER- Carol reported that Diane Dintruff wrote a very nice article about Chester in :Boating on the Hudson” magazine. She also agreed that the shed fro storage of the rowboat would be very helpful. A permanent mooring is also needed. Brett said he would look in to a 300lb Mushroom anchor. Training will begin in late May and cutting will probably begin the second week in June ( same as last year) Depending on the growth, cutting may begin in the south and work it’s way to the north.

There being no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8pm, seconded by Joe and approved by all.

Next meeting, if needed, will be Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco  
Secretary