

Town of Esopus

WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2015

Members Present: J. Guido, M. Zimmer, C. Quick,
Diane. Mc Cord, TB Liaison ; Secretary S. Pratt
Members Excused: C. Tomasetti, R. Kristofy,

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:00 pm and Cathy asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** the December 17, 2014 meeting minutes were distributed to the members for review. Marion made a motion to accept the minutes and Joe Guido seconded the motion.
3. **PLANNING BOARD – Christian Brothers : Minor Re-Subdivision PB Case #2015-01:**
Cathy presented blueprints for review of the Christian Brothers property proposing to sell 90 acre, Lot 1B to the winery. Marion expressed concern for where the water & sewer are located on the property, and what do they intend to build. Cathy thinks they possibly would be planting grapes. Any building on the property would have to go thru the Planning Board. Per Marion they are off the tax roll now due to the religious exemption , and it would be good for the town. After review of the prints it was decided there were no inconsistencies in relation to the LWRP.
4. **ZONING BOARD:** Joe Guido - on 145 River Rd, the owners are requesting a variance and want to build a five story house on the original footprint, the reason it is before Zoning is due to the height and that they are constructing a bridge from the garage to the house.
Joe asked for a colored rendition from the front, river view. Cathy expressed appreciation for the information and will look for any future remarks that may relate to the WAB having to review this project. Cathy and Marian expressed concern for the age of the septic /sanitation system being along the river. Joe also remarked that local neighbors and view-shed neighbors have been contacted for the 3/17/15 Public

Meeting. He also expressed concerns for the height and dimensions which are not marked; and it is marked as only a one bedroom home.

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD:** The Frank's Sedge count and research is going to be taken over by Environmental this year, as Cathy and Marion had done the recordings for the last few years in Sleightsburgh Spit Park. This year AnnMarie Belfiglio and Sheila Pratt will be conducting the count in the designated areas this year, and will be working with Cathy to determine the date.

6. **RIVERFRONT CLEANUP:** Riverkeeper is looking for community help, last year went well. Needs to begin pre-foliage(for Sleightsburgh Clean up) so we will be able to see any garbage there. We will be doing both sights. Sleightsburgh 4/18 9:00 11:00AM – Lighthouse Park/Esopus Meadows 05/09 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Cathy would like to get Boy Scouts , Girl Scouts, and other Church and youth groups involved .

7. **LWRP – Evaluation from State – Update?** Not a lot done to revitalize most land on the Waterfront is Private Property. Possible “Brownfield Clean-Up Sites are few and not available at the present time. We will be looking to the Dept. of State for suggestions to make our LWRP more user friendly. Perhaps we might think of making a checklist of things to question when making a project review.

8. **MARITIME HISTORY DAY- MARCH 21,2015 – 1-5 PM @ TOWN HALL:** Cathy invited all to bring photos or historical artifacts from this area, items will be digitally photographed and or share family stories.

9. **PILGRIM PIPELINE:** Per Cathy they are having an informational meeting on March 7th with local environmental groups that have also extended an invitation to Pilgrim Pipeline officials. In reading the flyer Marion/Diane expressed concern for the water ways and spillage from barges as opposed to the building of the pipeline, especially if this does not decrease barge traffic.

10. **MEETING DATE CHAGE:** Cathy asked how a date change would affect everyone, and wishes to move it to the first Wednesday and since all members aren't present we will discuss at the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday April 1st.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS-** Marion expressed interest in attending the Hudson River Summit, sponsored by DEC, and will review costs which seem to be reasonable. Members agreed that it is a good idea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm – next meeting April 1st, 2015

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheila Pratt, Waterfront Advisory Board Secretary
March 14, 2015