

Town of Esopus

Waterfront Advisory Board

March 1, 2017

Members Present: Janet Bellusci, Chairman; Amy Cahill; Carol Carson-Tomassetti; Joe Guido, ZBA Liaison; Kathie Quick, TB Liaison; Mercedes Ross; Eli Schloss; Marion Zimmer

Guest: Margaret Phelan

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
2. Reviewed January 2017 meeting notes. Meeting notes were amended to include that Carol sent an e-mail followed up by a phone call to Craig Lapieko, the Coast Guard person coordinating comments regarding the Anchorage Proposal. Janet sent additional letters to Kevin Cahill and George Amedore. Carol made a motion to accept, seconded by Marion, all in favor.
3. There is a consensus to have Riversweep at Lighthouse Park on May 6 the same day coordinated by Riverkeeper on the Hudson Waterfront from Albany to Brooklyn to the Atlantic Ocean. No volunteer yet to organize it. Sleightsburgh should be cleaned up in April, before the foliage emerges. The Maritime Center will be leading a walk and talk there this spring.
4. The Environmental Board and Zoning Board of Appeals did not have meetings in February. No reports.
5. Planning Board: Feeney Shipyard (Callanan) Case 2017-01 Site Plan/Special Use Permit 389 New Salem Road, Kingston. SBL: 56.015-1-28 There was discussion regarding the non pervious surface, the manufacturing is to be done on a concrete slab. None of the hazardous materials used during the manufacturing process will touch the ground, because there will be tarps protecting the ground. The hazardous materials will be stored well above the 100 year flood mark, that flood map was recently updated. The storm water issue was addressed and explained in the book. There are silt fences so erosion is not an issue. This site has been in continuous operation so many issues regarding an industrial site are grandfathered. Concerns about the view shed, there really will be no difference. This part of the Rondout is not part of the "Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance" as is our Hudson River Waterfront. Janet will write the required letter to the Planning Board.

6. Hudson River on the Rise! April 27 FDR Home and Library all day conference call
Laura Heady, DEC 845-256-3061 Sponsored by NYSDOS, NYSDEC

7. Carol, Janet & Mercedes were able to attend the Anchorage Consortium which was held by Mayor Steve Noble and organized by Mayor Mike Spano of Yonkers on February 2, 2017. Carol presented the highlights. Anchorage Consortium: Sign to support, review memorializing resolution questioning the appropriateness need for the long term anchorages of so many barges and pushboats. All of the Westchester County River Towns and most of Dutchess County towns are in the process of signing on and passing memorializing resolutions of support to the consortium. Carol is willing to present it to the Town Board. If the Anchorage Proposal goes through as planned, it could have a serious negative economic effect on the Town of Esopus. There could be losses in property values, loss of tourism/recreation activity. Any mishaps could have dire consequences for our drinking water and homes/buildings/parks/marinas along our waterfront.

8. Next meeting: Wednesday April 5 (if necessary) Motion to adjourn Carol,
seconded by Amy. All in favor. Adjourned 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Quick

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