

Minutes of Meeting

Waterfront Advisory Board

May 26, 2010

Board Members Present: Catherine Quick, Michael Minor, Marion Zimmer, Don Cole,
Rosemarie Kristofy, Donna McAuley

Board Members Absent: Bill Benson, Eli Schloss, Kathy Weitze

Secretary: Terri Johnston

Call to Order: Catherine Quick called the meeting to order.

Minutes to be approved. Don made a motion to accept, Marian seconded the motion.

Pay Voucher: Catherine states we have a voucher for Jeff Litz portable toilets in the amount of \$100. Approved by the board to pay.

Water Chestnut Harvester: The check was signed off and sent out per Donna McAuley. Marion Zimmer states it should be arriving this week.

The report is on its way . We are still waiting for money from the State.

We need three people trained to use the Water Chestnut Harvester. There will be training and the trained will be videotaped.

Environmental Board:

Catherine Quick states the Environmental committee had a tree giveaway for Town Residents. They put out a brochure on topics such as

- What the board does
- recycling

EMC Round Table:

Catherine states the Environmental committee will have a Round Table discussion with many different town environmental boards on June 30, 2010. It will be at the Ulster County Community College Vanderlyn Hall - it is open to the public. Tomorrow night there will be a meeting at the Clinton Bldg in the Howard St. John conference center (5/26 @7:00)

Planning Board: Michael Minor (Planning Board Member) discussed how Maria Ferguson bought the "School of Advanced Esthetics"- House on lower level of property. She needed a variance of 4 feet (Needs 100 ft has 96 ft) . States if this was just a private residence she would not need the variance but because of the school a variance is needed. The Flag lot meets the requirements otherwise (This residence/school being discussed is accross from the Stone Hedge)

Maria Ferguson's House is also directly across from the Vanderbilt Estate. This is an issue because the Vanderbilt Estate has about a mile long view and this house will impact that view.

Marion Zimmer asked " Will there be direct access to the house?" Michael Minor states "She has to do a minor subdivision".

Catherine Quick asked "What have you heard about the Smith property?" Michael states "It has not come up. They have discussed the Credit Union...there has been a revised plan for possibly the Freeman Building or the Library. There are issues with runoff and construction. They are on the agenda for Thursday evening. They have been very respectful.

Michael discussed some issues regarding the Smith Building. Dept. of State, US Coastal Management, and Army Corp of Engineers have been involved.

-Mr Smith has put in two roads. he has a driveway going all the way down to a new dock. It was an existing lot and met the requirements.

-They had an approved permit because it was one lot. Lead Agency being Army Corp of Engineers. He has gone beyond the limits of the permit - he has moved a lot of rock that they should not have moved..

Zoning Board:

Don Cole (Zoning Board member) states the next door neighbor of Marie Ferguson has been complaining.

- water coming onto his property.
- trying to swll a road to a lot below
- 4 ft variance
- wants a private meeting with the Board.
- possible Article 78 hearing

Michael Minor states he cannot have a private meeting with the Board.

Michael states another issue is that Scenic Hudson could complain that the scenic views from the Vanderbilt estate will change.

Marion asked if we know of any other Vanderbilt Estate view issue? Michael states No. We always notify Dutchess County when something goes on with the view. The Vanderbilt Estate owns about a mile of river view

He states the concept of view shed is now recognized in the law.

Freer Park Acquisition: Town Board passed a resolution to purchase the property.

Marian state we should write a letter to the Town Board asking what plans do you have for that property and first and foremost Congratulations for going forward with the Waterfront Path Systems (walk along waters edge)

Guests concerned " As long as it remains a preserve... we do not want it cut down."

Michael Minor states the nature trail would be without tremendous modification. We would like to encourage our guests to come to the meetings and the workshops.

Esopus Meadow Lighthouse:

Catherine states she has been talking to John about ideas. Asked the Board Members for Ideas. Michael Minor states getting to it is a problem, you need a boat to get to it.

Marion states the Commission has a boat / estuary will be running in June out to the lighthouse launching from the Maritime Museum. It is advantageous for both the Kingston and Esopus Lighthouses.

Michael states if the boat has more than 6 passengers they need to have two Coast Guard licensed Pilots. If they have up to 6 passengers they need to have one licensed Coast Guard Pilot and an able crew member. Pilots are \$50 and hour, therefore, by itself this is not a money maker.

Marian state an estuary holds up to 45 people and the 1st trip will be June 23. Could someone from the board attend one of their meeting? Please contact Ed Weber.

Next Meeting

Catherine states the next meeting is the 4th Tuesday in June 22nd (not the last Tuesday of Month).

Other:

Marion announced that there is a vacancy available for the board, we meet the 4th Tuesday if anyone is interested please send a letter to the Town of Esopus. She suggested to our guests that it could be a member of Riverview.

Rosemarie asked a question regarding the Water chestnut Harvester..."If Saugerties want to use it we are not going to give it or loan it?"

Michael states we will lease it and our trained personnel will operate it.

Marion asked " Do we have volunteers to run the Water chestnut Harvester?"
Donna states she will ask John , she knows there are several people interested.

Don Cole motioned to adjourn.

Rosemarie 2nd the motion.

Guests in attendance:

Marie Bruno
Ujjalla Schwartz
Margaret M. Phelan
Marc C. Phelan
Maj-Britt Allen