

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
WATREFRONT ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 26, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bill Benson  
Mike Minor  
Carol Tomasetti  
Marion Zimmer  
Gloria VanVliet ( Town Board Liaison)

Rosemarie Kristofy  
Eli Schloss  
Kathy Weitze

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Don Cole  
Kathie Quick

Marion called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Kathie is an Election Inspector (today is a Primary Day) and unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Mike made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting, seconded by Rosemarie and approved by all.

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

**ZONING BOARD**

Nothing to report

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

In Kathie's absence, Karyn informed this Board that The Environmental Board is now a full board with nine members. They are also awaiting the approval of a new chairperson, discussing a community garden at Ascension Church. It was also mentioned that there a ne rock sculpture at Lighthouse Park by Raquel Rabinovich.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Mike reported on the expansion of the Connelly Terrace Trailer Park and showed the plans. Phase 4, initially approved in 2000 was never built. The addition of 29 lots came before the Planning Board. Since 2000 there have been some changes in zoning that need to be addressed. Issues in part but limited to are detentions ponds, recreation areas, grass filter strips, sidewalks and as it is in a watershed area the concerns of storm water runoff control.

After a brief discussion, as long as storm water runoff was controlled and that all the requirements of the Planning Board were met that this Board had no objections.

## **RIVERKEEPER**

Mike reported on the recent water testing on the main channel of the Hudson indicating that 15%-20% being questionable, whereas 4-5 years ago it had been 80%. Samples along the Rondout and Wallkill have also been tested and results were not very favorable. Contributing factors could be septic, sewer treatment and unknown sewers as well as rainfall. Testings are taking place at the end of each month through September. Marion would like to see the water tested on a regular basis at George Freer Park Beach.

## **NEW CHAIRPERSON**

Kathie has been chair of this Board for the past four years and would like someone else to consider taking her place, She asks that you call her if you have any questions.

## **CHESTER UPDATE**

Carol reported that cutting began on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 weeks ahead of schedule. To date there has been:

50 machine hours  
120 volunteer hours  
21 cuts  
18 volunteers

The goal is to have the entire cove cleared and then move on to Lighthouse Park. Carol has formalized a training package for new volunteers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Marion referred to a letter addressed to John Coutant from the NYS Dept. Of State. There are routine changes made to the NYS Coastal Management Program. Modification to 35 previously designated Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats (SCFWH) along the Hudson river are being proposed. Specific areas under our Local Water Revitalization Program (LWRP) that

may have been revised, modified or proposed are Esopus Meadows, Kingston-Poughkeepsie Deepwater, Black Creek and Rondout Creek.

Public comment period is open between June 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. Marion will speak with Kathie about reviewing same. Changes and or updates or a new LWRP for the Town of Esopus will need to be addressed.

### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Marion is continuing to research possible Grant Opportunities for the Town. Specifically one in the amount of up to \$10,000 (which is a 50/50 match) that will enable us, at the very least, to do a study for the stabilization of the retainer wall at George Freer Park

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco  
Secretary