

TOWN OF ESOPUS
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TOWN OF ESOPUS WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD

June 3rd, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair – Cathy Quick, Marion Zimmer, Amy Cahill, Rosemarie Kristofy, Janet Bellusci, Joe Guido, Carol Tomasetti

Secretary: Sheila Pratt

Members :Excused, Brett Gherke

TB Liason: Diane Mc Cord

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair, Kathy Quick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. **MINUTES:** Kathy asked for a motion to approve the May minutes as amended by Carol, with the correction that Chester is to be moored near the Lighthouse park and Landing, not secured by a dock, second by Marian.
3. **PLANNING BOARD: Minor re-subdivision – PB Case #2015-04Cafaldo, 311 River Rd., Ulster Park, NY –**

Cathy : “This is a two home proposal, a shared drive on a 2.6 acre parcel.”
Joe: “ This is called a flag lot and I think this is usually illegal” and that is due to possible future problems with the “shared” issue. There is also a concern for erosion and a request to seek adequate measures to prevent it.”
Marian: “Why does he need a common drive?”
Joe: “ Well a common drive is a better solution – you are disrupting less earth. We don’t have any enforcement, without thorough review you can’t be sure.”
Cathy: “ Well the Planning Board can come up with rules.”
Diane: “ Yes but they need to be enforced, and I think River Road is a county road isn’t it?”
Joe: “Then this should go before the ZBA?”
Cathy:” No this went directly to the Planning Board.”
Joe: “ Then we should be asking the Planning Board for the criteria on this.”
Diane: “ This should be in the TOE Code. I think there is a lack of understanding of what each board is responsible for and there needs to be better stipulations between them.”
Joe: “ Enforcement comes through the Building Department only.”
Carol: “ Then the Building Inspector should have a paper trail and have had an inspection of the Erosion Control measures right? Where is the link to enforce them?”
Cathy:’ Well measures have to be taken prior/during/after construction to insure erosion prevention.”
Joe: “ I still question the legality of the common driveway?”
Amy: “Regarding the pond pictured, what wetland species could be harmed being that close to the border with the construction area? Is that within the limits of a side setback?”
Cathy: “ I will compose a letter with all these questions and concerns and submit them to the Planning Board. Any other comments, no?” Then let’s move on to Zoning.”

4. **ZONING**

Cathy: Joe do we have an update about the Cuthell property(145 River Road)?”

Joe: “ Yes we have approved two variances, one for the house in which the septic must be brought up to modern standards and that an Erosion Control Plan must be in place prior to construction. And second for the garage, a five foot variance for the construction of the garage again insuring that an Erosion Control Plan be in place and that the larger project (house) go before the Planning Board for approval.”.

Carol: “Where is this spelled out? Regarding the erosion control?”

Diane: “ It should be in the Town of Esopus Code Book.”

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

Cathy “ At this time we don’t have an update for the garden as I haven’t spoken to Annemarie. On July 13th Scenic Hudson will be holding an “Invasive Species” presentation about the “Mile a Minute Vine” which has been found near Shaupeneak Ridge Trailhead. Nate Cyrus from Scenic Hudson will prepare a flyer, I will email it to all members of the WAB and Env. Bd. and make an effort to distribute in local public places. (Please check online for time and place.)

6. **RIVERFRONT CLEANUP –**

Cathy: “We had great turnouts for both events: Sleightsburgh Spit 10 people; at Lighthouse 16 people. Both parks are looking great thanks to all the recent efforts to help keep our parks and shores clean.”

7. **LWRP: Review from DOS –**

Cathy “ I met with them and they are encouraging TOE to research for grants to encourage more kayaking to the area. We also need to research the ownership of the former Kosco Oil Co. site at the end of N. Broadway, is it still a TOE road down to the water? That area could have great possibilities, for a future marina, or a kayak launch site they thought.”

Carol: “Should we pursue the rights to the road, and who would know if this is still a TOE Road the assessor and maybe we should write a letter to the TOE: HWY, Assessor; Supervisor; and Town Board “

8. **CHESTER -**

Carol: “ All maintenance has been completed and we hope to launch on June 10th, nothing is high enough to cut but have seen some heads poking through at high tide. We had our info session and we have (2) new people to harvest with us this year. I’m working on a letter to our “Friends on River Road” to expand the cutting and clearing area in front of their properties and asking for their feedback on spots they think need opening. We are going to prioritize cutting and the opening of areas with input from these responses. The new mooring lines have been made by Jim, Brett, and I and we are trying to think of ways to move the anchor because it is too close to the wall at low tide”

9. **Other Business:**

Cathy then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting: July 1st, 2015, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Pratt, Secretary

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