

Town of Esopus

Waterfront Advisory Board

June 7, 2017

Members Present: Janet Bellusci, Carol Carson-Tomassetti, Brett Gehrke, Kathie Quick, TB Liaison, Margaret Phelan, Mercedes Ross, Marion Zimmer.

Excused: Amy Cahill, Joe Guido, & Eli Schloss

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM. Welcome to Margaret Phelan, our newest WAB member.

Minutes: Reviewed April 5, 2017 minutes. **Motion to accept:** Carol, 2nd Brett, all in favor.

Planning Board: Reviewed the Kennedy Case #2017-05, 3 Lot Subdivision, 639 Third Ave., Sleightsburgh; SBL:56.044-2-24. While there was question about possible disturbance to the underground stream in this subwatershed area (#7) as detailed in the Tidal Rondout Creek Watershed Plan of 2015, the WAB did not find any other inconsistencies with the LWRP. Letter was sent to the Planning Board. Thanks to Carol for her research on this Rondout Watershed plan.

Zoning Board: nothing to report.

Environmental Board: Kathie notes that the Carix Frankii project begins tomorrow (7.7.17). Also, the Env. Board will present information on invasive species on July 19.

Anchorage/HRWA: After notification from the HRWA of an act to amend the current law (S.5197a) to establish new minimum conditions for petroleum-bearing vessels on the Hudson, as well as creation of “tanker-avoidance zones”, the group has questions about precisely what this means. Carol has emails out to both Riverkeeper and the HRWA for clarification.

Comprehensive Plan: Suggestions from our group regarding waterfront development for the CPC included: teaming up with the Maritime Museum & their programs (i.e.: kids sailing program), consider kayak lockers, jet ski rentals, etc.

Chester: Carol had a hands on the night before, with the goal to launch the week of June 12. Staffing is thinner this year, but Scenic Hudson may have people to help if we can clear for them.

Other business: 1- Members who attended Hudson River on the Rise conference spoke about the impact seen in Esopus, which include our parks eroding, & the need for us to consider the potential impact on the Water Plant in Pt. Ewen as well as the three marinas. Hudson River Planning grants are available through the DEC at this time. 2- Brett notes that the Maritime Museum is having a “River Day Build a Boat Contest” on June 24. Also, there is a Solar Boat in the big barn that can be viewed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 5 (if necessary).

Motion to Adjourn: Mercedes, 2nd: Marion, 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bellusci, 6.12.2017