

Town of Esopus

Waterfront Advisory Board

June 28, 2018

Members Present: Janet Bellusci, Joe Guido, Margaret Phelan, Kathie Quick, Mercedes Ross, Carol Tomasetti, Dale Wolfield, Marion Zimmer. **Guests:** Shannon Harris, Laura Petit.

Excused: Amy Cahill, Eli Schloss

Meeting called to order at 4:16 PM.

Minutes: Reviewed May 2, 2018 minutes. **Motion to accept:** Mercedes, 2nd Marion. Accepted.

Zoning Board: SBL:56.044-1-1.1, Jess Hicks (Island Pump & Tank), Representative for Frank DiAndrea for Port Ewen Corp, Property Owner, 15 North Broadway, Sleightsburg (former Kosco site). Referral is for a request by Mr. Hicks for a continuance of non-conforming use per the Town Code Section 123-30 (B)(3). Joe passed out ZBA minutes so we could see more of the background discussion & information provided to date. Shannon assisted with the organizational requirements for our decision, & recommended we interview Mr. Hicks. We accept this & will schedule to have him at our next meeting, prior to rendering our decision to the ZBA. After a lengthy discussion, realizing we have many unanswered questions, the group broke up the work to be done prior to our next meeting as follows: Carol & Marion will work on the letter to the ZBA, Mercedes will collect feedback from the entire WAB for questions we ask Mr. Hicks, & Janet will schedule the next meeting with him & make sure the town hall has availability.

Comprehensive Plan: Our response to the CPC was sent on June 27.

Chester: Re: the suggestion to the CPC that a 2nd Chester be bought for the town waterfront program: Carol's recommendation is that it would be better to hire a temporary employee to cut full time for the months water chestnut cutting is required. This would be a better economic possibility vs. the expense of a new machine. Since the Town Budget for 2019 begins in August, it is our recommendation we should look for help & explore grant opportunities for money for this.. River road south is not getting serviced enough with our current volunteer-only cutters, & a hired employee would make a huge difference in what could be done. We could use it as a pilot program for 1-2 years & re-evaluate at that time. Chester is currently about 8 years old.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 12, 4-6pm.

Adjourn: 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bellusci, June 29, 2018.