

Town of Esopus
Waterfront Advisory Board

Members Present: Carol Carson Tomassetti, Marion Zimmer, Janet Bellusci, Rosemarie Kristofy, Brett Williams, Amy Cahill, Les Kalmus, Kathie Quick, Chairman

Members Excused: Joe Guido, Eli Schloss

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes of July 6, 2016 meeting reviewed, Janet made a motion to accept, Seconded by Rosemarie.
3. Planning Board items:
 - a. APC Towers: Since complete visuals have not yet been received by the planning board, this action is tabled to be reviewed at the next meeting if the Planning Board has accepted their submissions of new visuals.
 - b. Marist College: Special Use Payne Mansion to be used for Leadership Conference Meetings, once or twice a year with some overnight guests. PB Case 2016-12 The Board has questions regarding water usage and wastewater/septic system. Is it up to code? Are there limits regarding the number of overnight guests? Other than that the WAB does not have any further comments.
 - c. Cuthell: Lot Line Adjustment 152-154 River Road PB Case 2016-10 Straight forward lot line adjustment to prepare a home for sale. There were no issues raised.
4. Zoning Board: No report.
5. Environmental Board:
 - a. Carix frankii count and monitoring is now turned over to the Environmental Board. It will be conducted on August 5.
 - b. Transfer Station Director is looking for volunteers on Saturdays for an hour or so to help residents with recycling.
6. Chester: Carol reports that there have been a good group of new volunteers that have been trained and are cutting. A large area of the water chestnut weeds were cut in front of Lighthouse Park and Esopus Meadows Park. Kayaks and other small boats now have access to the Hudson. Chester is now back at the cove by the Town Beach on Canal St. They will be cutting for the next two weeks.

7. Anchorage plans by USCG & NYSDOT

The entire Waterfront Advisory Board shared ideas to be included in the letter that will be presented to the Town Board and sent out and posted as part of the public comments regarding the Anchorage Proposal. Carol has offered to take the lead in composing the letter. Some of the concerns include: limits on the amount of time the vessels may be anchored; possible interference with one of the few economic engines we have which is tourism and access to the river; possible target for terrorism if there are oil filled barges in many the possible anchorage sites proposed; protection of our drinking water intakes near Big Rock Point that provide drinking water for over 4500 people; wastewater discharged from the push boats that stand with the barges; noise and light pollution from the extended periods of anchorage; interference with the view shed of the prime real estate along the Hudson River; interference with navigation of other large ships and small recreational crafts in the river; concern with a possible collision, leakage or oil spill; and concern over who is responsible for clean up and reparations in the event of a collision or major oil spill.

8. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

9. Motion to adjourn by Rosemarie, seconded by Janet. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine L Quick August 9, 2016