

Town of Esopus  
Waterfront Advisory Board

August 1, 2018

**Members Present:** Janet Bellusci, Amy Cahill, Margaret Phelan, Kathie Quick, Mercedes Ross, Carol Tomasetti, Marion Zimmer.

**Excused:** Joe Guido, Eli Schloss, Dale Wolfield.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM..

**Minutes:** Reviewed corrected 6.28.18 minutes. **Motion to accept:** Margaret, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol. Approved; Reviewed 7.12.18 minutes. Corrections to be made pointed out & noted. **Motion to accept with corrections:** Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol. Approved.

**Planning Board:** nothing to review.

**Zoning Board:** Reviewed our letter & process in the Jess Hicks request. We Esopus residents who are interested in making individual statements or to ask specific questions will have that opportunity at the next ZBA meeting, scheduled for August 21 on the Town Calendar. Ideas discussed include asking the cul-de-sac be re-deeded to the town for public path access to the Rondout Creek; looking into the Town's contiguous property, west of the pump station, being made a benched grassy area for the public; the possibility of a renewable special permit, facing annual review. Lastly, there are questions, based on deed restrictions, as to the actual condition of the land, & if there is any potential for clean-up so that those deed restrictions can be lifted.

**Environmental Board:** Kathie reports that their Solar Presentation will be at Freer Beach on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm. We briefly discussed the Town of Ulster Glidepath Burning Plant as a point of contrast.

**Anchorage/Hudson River-Harbor Barrier Proposal:** Margaret says "all's quiet" on the Anchorage front at this time. Janet reminds folks that the response period ends August 20 for comments on the Storm Surge Barrier Proposals in New York Harbor. Margaret & Janet will forward the Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson informational emails we've received to the rest of the WAB for their review. Amy mentions that Venice Italy is now planning this type of thing to protect that city, as they're expecting flooding to only worsen there.

**Comprehensive Plan/ LWRP:** Kathie updated us that the preliminary draft is underway, & September will present the next stage. The LWRP paperwork has been submitted for a grant to fund the update, which will happen likely next year.

**Chester:** Carol: They've lost days for rain & thunderstorms, & volunteers aren't as available as needed. She's got a good lineup of volunteers for the remaining cutting season. The south has been cleared well, while Lighthouse Park needs to be redone (originally cut too short). Work near the pavilion at Scenic Hudson & north with the strays off Freer Beach need doing. The Sailing School has

been able to operate without issue. Mike Brice to recruit volunteers for Chester, & Carol wants to get Hidden Harbor engaged. Scenic Hudson sent two men to cut but we need more.

To hire someone for Chester cutting next year: we need to add that to the LWRP, as staffing requirement. It should be in Carol's year end report.

Carol mentions that she didn't get a budget request for 2019, & Kathie will ask Debbie about it.

Carol is trying to get wheels for the rowboat.

Amy mentions the new growth in the south, which may extend the cutting season as they're younger plants.

**Next meeting:** If necessary, September 5, 2018.

**Adjourn: 8:10pm**

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bellusci August 26, 2018.