

TOWN OF ESOPUS
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Benson Mike Minor
Carol Tomasetti Marion Zimmer

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Don Cole Rosemarie Kristofy
Eli Schloss Kathie Quick
Kathy Weitze
Gloria VanVliet (Town Board Liaison)

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Kathie was unable to attend this evening.

Minutes from the August meeting were discussed but as there was no quorum they were not voted upon.

There was no Secretary's Pay voucher submitted.

ZONING BOARD - Nothing to report.

PLANNING BOARD - Mike reported that Aberdeen on the Hudson (Ferguson) is requesting a Special Use Permit to use their grounds and facility for weddings. He expressed concern that this is now the third time they are asking for a Special Use Permit, any tent erected will impede the view shed from both the river and from across the river as well as the extent noise pollution from speakers used during the events. Ferguson has indicated that the weddings will take place during non school hours therefore there will be adequate parking and that they will limit the weddings to only one per weekend. Porta Potties will be used, however, Health Department approval will be needed if the bathrooms inside the facility are to be utilized as well. A road would also be put in place to access the tent area.

There was a general discussion. Carol was not that concerned with the noise, although Mike did indicate that a neighbor to the property has already complained about the potential noise. She was more concerned with the tent visibility, even though it is not permanent, but would be used during the weekends when there is more traffic on the water. Perhaps a pavilion would be a better idea. Marion was also concerned, indicating that the tent would be a problem with the view shed.

Courtesy dictates that the National Park Service and Dutchess County be informed.

Kathie will be brought up to date concerning this matter and in turn will provide a statement to the Planning Board concerning this evening's discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD -

Karyn spoke of the construction that is underway at the Transfer Station of a better means to access the roll off bins for recycling and the covered areas to protect paper and cardboard. She indicated that a representative from Scenic Hudson will be attending the next Environmental Board meeting to discuss the Frank Sedge findings and provide them with the tools necessary to monitor it in the future. Also, Tote Bags were ordered to hand out to promote awareness on recycling

CHESTER - Carol reported that she is working on the date to have an Appreciation Party to thank all of the volunteers who worked so very hard this summer. More acreage was cut in less hours than last year. Chester did have a mishap this year. A leaking hole was discovered, perhaps from being caught on a rock, but it has since been repaired.

Carol met with Scenic Hudson at Lighthouse Park. They are looking to possibly put in a dock and a kayak launch. She also discussed with them on determining a location to keep the Town's rowboat.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 7:00 in the Community Room. Unless otherwise announced, all meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco
Secretary