

Town of Esopus
Waterfront Advisory Board
Agenda

December 2, 2015

Members Present: B. Gehrke, J. Bellusci, A. Cahill, J. Guido, C. Tomasetti, E. Schloss

TBLiaison: D. McCord

Secretary: S.Pratt

Members Excused: Marion Zimmer, R. Kristofy

Guests: Scenic Hudson

1. Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, all board members stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review minutes of 10/07/15 meeting: Cathy asked for approval, C.Tomasetti motioned to approve minutes, seconded by J. Bellusci.

3. Dredge pit on Town Beach Property : Cathy drafted a letter to Kyle regarding the status; but has not received a response. Cathy asked for any updates? Carol responded that she has heard things are moving along, the site is stable.

4 Acceptable Use Policy for our Parks? Cathy asked Eli if he has come up with any information regarding this,he replied that he hasn't had a chance to review the TOE Code related to this and asked Diane if there is a connection with the Master Plan that needs review. ScenicHudson/Greenway and Diane has been in discussion with funding assistance. Joe added this is really not the lack of policy; it was the adherence to the policy in place. Carol asked Diane if she is comfortable with the Town Code related to Use Policy for Parks, Joe added that it all really needs to be reviewed. She asked what boards would be in attendance for these guidelines, and what time frame do we anticipate this beginning to take shape. Diane responded that she needs cooperation from the board first to consider any upgrades to planning for the town. Diane adds that she plans to begin discussion at the next Planning Board workshop and will email WAB members interested in attending

5. Planning Board: .

A. Heather Blakey -Here to discuss the Scenic Hudson Land Trust 132 River Road PB 2015-08 Special Use Permit request - Esopus Lakes Property - Scenic Hudson will create vehicle and limited mountain bike access at the trailhead. They had purchased the adjacent property in 2012 to expand the park area.

She describes the various plants discovered in this area, some invasive some unique; and provides a map where there will be foot trails for viewing and possibly limited mountain biking. Joe asks how big the parking area will be, and what type of surface. Heather

states the area will remain as it was, there will be no blacktop , it will be a stone base . Carol asked are all the trails that are being created actually old trails being revitalized ? Heather states that they are and the areas will be monitored for water pooling and runoff. Joe asks when they are marking the areas are they going after rainfall so they are aware of runoff areas becoming swollen with excessive rainwater ? Heather states she personally has been monitoring this area for two years and is familiar with the landscape and runoff areas. Eli asked about the wells that existed on the property, how have they handled them, and there won't be any ground disturbance there? Heather stated there won't be. Scenic Hudson has named this area Scenic Hudson High Banks Preserve. She thanked the board for their time and departed. A letter will be written stating that the Waterfront Advisory Board supports this action.

B. Barron: Lamont Landing & Appletree Dr. Esopus (off Parker Avenue) PB 2015-10 Minor Re-Subdivision - The owners want to sub-divide the total area; Cathy presents the property map and all members gather around to review. Carol asks if this was the 2004 subdivision, Cathy agrees it was. and continues to read the proposal. She asks if Zoning has seen this? Cathy states that this is before the PB presently. Joe G. states that the Zoning has not seen this proposal. Cathy states at present they have no intentions of building. Joe adds that this needs to be monitored for future possible development. Cathy states that this was for informational purposes and all agree that WAB has no comment on this at this time. A letter will be written stating that based on the information we were given, we have nor further comments.

6. Zoning Board: Joe Guido stated the controversy regarding the group home on Horton Lane, that the present application needs clarification of "family" and the cleanup of the previous owners debris .

7. Environmental Board: Cathy asked for an update - Sheila stated the discussion was primarily about the Freer Park "Dredge Pit" and the status of it, what are the future plans?

8. Chester - Cathy asked Carol if there is anything to add? Carol stated that Riverview is concerned about the erosion of the LLC property; and the removal of the water chestnuts contributing to that erosion?

9. Grant opportunities - Cathy asks Carol about grants, Hudson River Estuary grants had expired by the time she saw them so she will look to 2016 for opportunities. She would like to know if upcoming grant information is available prior to being posted publicly.; this way we can better prepare and present opportunities to the Town Board . All members agree that researching grant opportunities needs every set of eyes , extremely time consuming.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 6 2016 (if necessary)