

Town of Esopus

Waterfront Advisory Board

December 5, 2018

Members Present: Janet Bellusci, Amy Cahill, Joe Guido, Margaret Phelan, Kathie Quick, Mercedes Ross, Eli Schloss, Carol Tomasetti, Dale Wolfeld, Marion Zimmer. Diane Dintruff, guest.

Excused: Eli Schloss, Dale Wolfeld

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. By Janet Bellusci.

General discussion: Last meeting for Chairman, Janet Bellusci. The job is defined on the back of the agenda. Terms 2018 Janet – not renew. Amy – will stay on. 2019 Marion, Joe and Carol. 2020 Mercedes, Margaret, Eli and Dale. Janet will complete the 2018 Year-End Report.

Mercedes volunteered to become Chairman for one year. Need to fill the Secretary position. Should be a paid Town of Esopus position. **Members will alternate doing minutes until the position is filled. Kathie Quick will contact Lisa, Planning Board Secretary about position.**

One vacancy on Board will exist in 2019. Discussion on changing meeting night. Best to leave it at Wednesday for all members.

Minutes: Reviewed August 1, 2018 minutes. **Motion to accept:** Mercedes Ross, 2nd Margaret Phelan.

Planning Board: No representative present. No referral for this meeting.

Zoning Board: Joe Guido. No current referral. No final decision on Hicks/Kosco property.

Environmental Board: No referral.

Comprehensive Plan: Marion attended two committee meetings. Overall Comprehensive Plan is favorable to the waterfront. Two changes to draft: 1. Town not try to get permission to remove the sunken barges in the Rondout off Sleightsburg park. 2. Plan to revitalize Freer Park - Boardwalk changed to gravel path. Seawall needs to be soft/permeable.

Need to restore the seawall at Lighthouse Park not addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Park has eroded considerably. Need better River Access – launch Chester rowboat.

Winding Brook Acres – Review written report sent in by Eli. A bus tour in August led by Scenic Hudson, Rita Shaheen and Heather Blaikie. Kathie Q. also participated. Possible camp ground, existing pool, difficult river access. Private road, one lane, needs paving. Nothing definite to date.

Estuary Grant – awarded to Town. Also, possible **LWRP update grant.** Kathie Q. WAB members possible involved on committees.

Hudson River Safety, Navigation and Operations Committee: Margaret attended 10/2.

Anchorage/HRWA Plan indefinitely suspended. There will be a steady Coast Guard presence on the Hudson year round.

Chester: Carol reported. Maintenance in spring to change hydraulic oil. Town budget increased, possible have Feeney paint bottom of boat. Possible use funds left in 2018 budget to purchase paint.

New business:

Sleightsburg park: complaints from neighbors re property damage, fence torn down by entrance inadequate room in lane for boats to turn around. Possible drug/illegal use of park at night. Discussed viability of permit access for boat launch. Post hours dawn to dusk. Fences and gates can be constructed. Some people have keys. Amy suggested use of proximity card access. Sheriff's office wants phone call/ not regular patrol.

Boat shed at Freer park. Margaret received complaints from Riverview residents. Shed needs to be painted – brown?. Roof reflects light – possible dull with paint. Ask Dale to follow up with Museum on use. Possible storage for Chester's rowboat.

Margaret – notice of meeting to be held on Dec 13th at 6pm in Kingston. A review of plan for Ianucchi "super garage" for the Strand. Esopus should be involved as adjacent property owner – affects the view shed from Sleightsburg.

Next meeting: TBD

Motion to Adjourn: Marion , Mercedes. Adjourn 8:45

Respectfully submitted, Marion Zimmer, December 7 , 2018.