

**TOWN OF ESOPUS  
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP  
August 5, 2021, 7 PM**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on August 5, 2021 in person at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park immediately following the continuation of public hearings on Revised Local Laws 8 & 12. Meeting was also available on TV 23, available via zoom and Live Streamed on the Town of Esopus" Facebook page. The following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Jared Geuss  
Councilman Kathie Quick  
Councilman Chris Farrell  
Councilman Evelyn Clarke  
Councilman Laura Robinson**

**Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC**

**Public Comment:**

**Kathy Robinson** made the following comments:

Coming out of N Broadway she recommends a left turn signal, she thinks on the other side there is a delay on the opposite side if there is indeed a delay or how long it is. People have died in that intersection. Supervisor Guess said they can reach out to DOT.

Streetlights are out on North Broadway

Lawn Maintenance Law – Would like a change regarding who is responsible for the sidewalks. The grass is horrible in front of chiropractic office, Chinese restaurant, and property next to the new post office. She would like to see a change and have the Town be responsible for maintaining Main Street between Canal Street and Van Vliet Funeral home. Weeds are coming through the bricks, and it looks awful. She proposed having the Town hire someone to maintain the strip instead of putting the burden on the homeowners. The elderly cannot do the weeding or necessarily afford to pay someone if they are on social security.

**Chris Farrell** commented regarding the condemned house next to the post office; Probation sent community service out to clear brush in 2020. He will talk to them to address the sidewalk issues. Probation (community service) assists the town 5 days a month.

**Laura Robinson** there are weeds coming out of the concrete. Rhinebeck, New Paltz and Red Hook all look great; we look sloppy.

**TOWN HALL – ROOF**

The Town Hall has been experiencing leaks in the roof and there has been an impact on the Tax Collector and Assessor Offices. Rain has been caught in buckets and they have been chasing the leaks over the past few years. They have had several subcontractors back in to look at the situation over the years. They cannot get the original company back under warranty because that time has lapsed. Contractors and the town have just been putting Band-Aids on to make small repairs. Estimates were received for repairing half the roof and for a complete rip and redo. If companies do a patch, they will not take responsibility of future leaks. The Board discussed plans for the roof of Esopus Town Hall. The question was asked whether it would be patched again or ripped off and replaced to ensure they find the source of the issue.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN QUICK TO GET BIDS ON FULL ROOF REPLACEMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE; ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Chris Farrell asked if there was anything that could be done for the subpar work that was done on the original roof. Supervisor Guess will check with Kyle to see if we can recoup some of the cost. Roofs should last longer than 10 years. .

**SPEED TRAILERS**

Cost went up from last year for the speed trailers. Quotes were received from multiple companies and Decatur was the best price \$10,004. The Town had hoped to purchase two. Councilman Farrell asked if Decatur would lock in a rate if the town guaranteed to purchase the second trailer in 2022. Supervisor Guess liked the idea and said he would look into it.

**COUNCILMAN CHRIS FARRELL MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE SPEED TRAILER FROM DECATUR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,004. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

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**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GUESS TO MOVE FORWARD AND ALLOW CERTAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRS TO HAVE ACCESS TO UPDATE THEIR WEB PAGE COORDINATED THROUGH MIKE RICE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.**

**PARK BENCH – GEORGE PETERSON LIGHTHOUSE PARK**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FARRELL TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO PLACE A MEMORIAL BENCH AT LIGHTHOUSE PARK IN MEMORY OF GEORGE PETERSON SUBJECT TO PARKS & REC'S APPROVAL OF PLACEMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PLANNING BOARD LEAD AGENCY HARDINGBURGH RD DEVELOPMENT**

TOWN OF ESOPUS PLANNING  
BOARDPOBOX700  
PORT EWEN, NEW YORK 12466

RE: In the Matter of the Application of One Light Production, LLC, by principal Nathan Kamp for approval of a proposed 7-Lot Subdivision for property located at 171 Hardenburgh Road, Esopus, New York.

**SEQRA NOTICE OF INTENT TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY**

Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(b) (3)(i) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations, the Town of Esopus Planning Board is circulating herewith the annexed Application, together with Part 1 of the SEQRA Short Form Environmental Assessment Form and related documents for the above-referenced proposed 7 lot subdivision of 42.33 acres owned by Nathan Kamp, situate at 171 Hardenburgh Road, Esopus, NY in the Town of Esopus (SBL No. 71.1-3-31.100).

This project is designated as an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.4. However, the Applicant has elected to voluntarily follow all SEQRA coordinated review procedures.

The Town of Esopus Planning Board wishes to establish itself as the Lead Agency for the environmental review of this application. Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b)(i), a Lead Agency is to be determined within thirty (30) calendar days of the date that the annexed materials were transmitted. Please state your agency's interest regarding selection of Lead Agency and any potential environmental effects of the proposed action.

The Planning Board wishes to expedite the designation of Lead Agency. If you agree to the Planning Board being designated as Lead Agency, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the Planning Board at the above address as soon as possible. If your agency does not submit a written objection to the Planning Board within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of this notification, the Planning Board will act in its capacity as Lead Agency for this project review.

Should you have any questions with regard to the review process related to this Application, please contact the Town of Esopus Planning Board at (845) 339-1811 Ext. 126

Dated: August 5, 2021

Sincerely,

Town of Esopus Planning Board by:

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Lisa K. Mance, Administrative Asst.

**The Town of Esopus Town Board agrees to the designation of the Town of Esopus Planning Board as Lead Agency for this above-referenced project review.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinated SEQRA review and permit requirements will necessitate review by other administrative authorities for subdivision approval. A listing of the agencies currently ascertained for SEQRA review and applicable regulatory authority governing said review and relevant permitting is as follows:

Involved Agencies:

**1. Town of Esopus Planning Board (Lead Agency)**

(a) Subdivision approval

A. Statutory Authority

- i) Town of Esopus Zoning Law
- ii) Town of Esopus Subdivision Regulations
- iii) Sections 274-a and 274-b of the New York State Town Law

**2. Ulster County Health Department**

a) Septic approval

A. Statutory Authority

- i) 10 NYCRR Part 5 et. seq.
- ii) Article 11 of the Public Health Law of New York State
- iii) Article 15 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State

**3. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Region 3**

a) SPDES General Permit: Stormwater

b) SPDES General Permit: Sewer

A) Statutory Authority

- i) Articles 17, Titles 7 and 8, and Article 70 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law
- ii) NYSDEC Permit Regulations GP-0-15-002
- iii) 10 NYCRR Part 100 et. seq

**4. Town of Esopus Highway Department**

(a) Curb Cut Permit

**5. Ulster County Health Department**

a) UCBOH Permit

A) Statutory Authority

Interested Agencies

**Town of Esopus Building Inspector/MS4 Office**

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife**

**New York State Natural Heritage Esopus**

**Fire Department**

**Ulster County Sheriff's Department Town**

**of Esopus Zoning Board of Appeals Town**

**of Esopus Town Board**

The foregoing is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all agencies and statutory authority which may be part of the review of this project and the Applicant hereby incorporates all additional agencies and/or regulations herein by reference or all future administrative review procedures.

**COUNCILMAN FARRELL MADE A MOTION TO AGREE TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE ESOPUS PLANNING BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Farrell said as liaison he is confident that the Planning Board as Lead Agency will have the Town's best interest in this project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION OF COURT SECURITY OFFICER IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS JUSTICE COURT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVELYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Action :**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO APPOINT BRIAN HINES AS COURT SECURITY OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$25/HOUR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED.**

**UPDATES**

**MS4 Grant** – a Consolidated Funding Application for the Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant organized by NYSDEC was submitted on behalf of the Town by Tighe & Bond on July 30.

**Terpenning Cemetery** – A new memorial sign for the Terpenning family cemetery will be installed on River Road by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in conjunction with the Columbia/Mid-Hudson Valley chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

**289 Broadway** – The Town has submitted a Letter of Support for Wright Architect’s Carbon Neutral Economic Development grant program application through the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council.

**Red Maple Vineyard** – The Town has submitted a Letter of Support for Red Maple Vineyard’s Consolidated Funding Application for expansion funds through the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council.

**BQ Energy** – working in conjunction with the Town Planning Board, the new Solar project near the Transfer Station continues to progress.

**Sleightsburgh Recreation Program** – announcement of a new annual program to permit off-hours access to Sleightsburgh Spit Park. visit [www.bit.ly/EsopusSRP](http://www.bit.ly/EsopusSRP) for more information. 8/20 deadline at 4pm. Applications and checks can be placed in the drop box on the exterior of the building.

Councilman Quick asked if we can limit the number of duck hunters this year; Tivoli bays area has been closed. Supervisor Guess said it would be hard to enforce that but this program will give us an idea of who is using the park.

She said she was concerned regarding the end of the trail is supposed to be off limits, needs stronger signage stressing danger. Will signage be updated?

**Sleightsburgh Trails** – A scheduled cleanup of Sleightsburgh’s trails will be conducted by Ulster BOCES on August 23. They will be weed whacking and cutting back the overgrown area. There are a few areas where there are ground hog holes that need to be filled in or marked with cones. A suggestion of placing rocks then dirt was made. The Board thanked Carol Tomassetti for the use of her ariel view of the waterfront.

**School Supply Drive** -Mario’s Pizzeria is partnering with Esopus Community Foundation for a school supply and book bag giveaway. They are collecting school supplies for children in need, book bags, pens paper etc. may be dropped off until 8/20/2021.

**Food Truck Fest** August 13<sup>th</sup> 4 pm. Additional parking available at the Library and on the jay road; traffic may not cut through Riverview.

**Esopus Seniors Trips** 8/11 Lake George for boat ride and luncheon; 50 going - sold out  
9/21 bus trip to Matamoras PA with a comedian and singer - still space available  
10/4 Octoberfest Brown Stone in New Jersey ,German musician -trip opening soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CHRIS FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:18 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVEYN CLARKE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Respectively submitted,*

*Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC*