

Esopus Environmental Board Minutes
April 19, 2023 Meeting Via Zoom

Present:

Mark Ellison, EB Chairman
Laura Petit, Climate Smart Chairperson
Nina Nichols
Ellie Gartenstein
Chris Decicco
Cynthia McVay
Noel Russ

Excused: Lee Gough

Members of the Public: Thomas Hermance, Duane North, Lorine Karabec, Nathaniel Rahav, and Lisa Cantrell

Meeting commenced at approximately 7:05 p.m.

34 Hudson Lane – Documents provided to the Environmental Board by a resident. Residents of the community were present. Environmental Board looking to provide information to the Town Board. Lorine Karabec provided an overview of the proposal for a cabin development (campground). Ms. Karabec wished to provide environmental impacts that could be created with the development which included wetland disturbance, impact on water supply (private wells), increased traffic, noise and lighting. Duane North stated that the wetlands were larger than what had been depicted on the plans. Discussion ensued relative to the wetlands and whether it was under the jurisdiction of the NYSDEC or ACOE. The neighbors had contacted Scenic Hudson. The neighbors had been informed that a Public Hearing had to be scheduled within 62 days from the first Planning Board meeting. Chairman Ellison asked that guests keep the EB informed. Chairman Ellison noted the upcoming Earth Day event on Saturday, April 23th at Town Hall. Saplings were being distributed and events were planned. Laura Petit stated food vendors and solar or HVAC vendors were also being sought. She invited guests to attend and discuss concerns further. Susan Barbarisi would be providing presentation of food waste pre-composting. Laura Petit requested a letter of concern be prepared.

Old Business:

Minutes – March 2023 – corrections - Saplings are expected and if not received, would be distributed on Arbor Day. Emergency Preparedness meeting would be April 27 from 2-3 p.m. Looking into emergency preparedness in the event of an emergency would be investigated. Upon motion of Noel Russ, seconded by Chris DeCicco, the March Minutes as amended were approved.

Membership – Christine Baker would be scheduled to attend upcoming Town Board meeting to be interviewed as a candidate.

UC EMC Minutes – March 2023 minutes were not available but would be sent when received.

New Business:

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Earth Day – Laura Petit was providing additional material to Secretary. Projector and screen would be needed but sound system for the presenters was needed. A volunteer was needed for the rock painting table. Chris volunteered his wife. Composting 102 presentation would be provided. Cynthia McVay would be providing plants for distribution. Noel Russ had been contacting a person at Suncommon Solar but had not received a response. Laura stated that currently 25 participants had signed up for the event. Volunteer was needed for seed bomb table. Chris Baker volunteered to provide her Leaf vehicle as an electric car for display. May 6th was the Clean Sweep date and Laura had signed up for Rieker Park. Roger Brandt had volunteered to provide painting services. WAB would be contacted relative to trees.

Climate Smart Task Force –

Laura Petit had completed two items for input. She requested basically one paragraph relative to water usage and lighting. Needs photograph and brief summary to insert into the application (could be conducted Sunday while at Town Hall).

Indian Point waste water release had been delayed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa K. Mance, Secretary

Dated: April 19, 2023

Approved: May 17, 2023