

TOWN OF ESOPUS
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING – VIA ZOOM
JUNE 14, 2020 MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Ellison
Don Carragher
Susan Barbarisi
Cynthia McVay
Stephen Cirini
Noel Russ
Christopher DeCicco

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Don Carragher

ALSO PRESENT:

Council Liaison Kathy Quick
Outreach Coordinator Alex Dean
Secretary Lisa Mance

Regular Business of Environmental Board

Chairman called for a Motion to approve the January 15, 2020. Upon Motion of Susan Barbarisi, seconded by Susan Barbarisi and all in favor, minutes were approved.

Membership Status

Susan Leiching had personal circumstances which required that she submit her resignation. As a result, there would be two (2) openings on the Environmental Board. The EB Members agreed that the knowledge of Cal Trumann was a viable resource and should be sought out.

UC Environmental Management Council

Mark Ellison stated the UCEMC had been conducting meetings via Zoom and he would be providing Minutes.

Composting 101

Legislator Laura Petit and Outreach Coordinator Alex Dean coordinated to present a Composting 101 via Zoom informational meeting and a number of residents were able to participate and collect bins.

Discussion

Member Cerini remarked that the EB could possibly have a monthly mailing list of all events to help get the word out. Member DeCicco indicated there were other digital means to generate the information, although the Town currently had a public calendar. Discussion ensued as to how to get future information out to the public. Secretary indicated that the Outreach Coordinator and she could coordinate resources to reach out when necessary and not duplicate services. EB was requested to put together a cohesive request that could be used by the office staff. Liaison Quick noted that an issue currently existed due to the Covid crisis and the inability of residents to freely move about to be able to see public notices. Member Cerini volunteered to circulate digital contact list as well as Member Cerini. Outreach Coordinator agreed, stating that the EB often generated material often that was of public interest.

Sapling distribution took place at the transfer station and the ability to distribute to residents worked well with wonderful assistance.

New Business

Carus Frankii count on Sleightsburg Spit (I have to check spelling to specify) – Council person Quick provided explanation as to why it was conducted and July 6 was the anticipated date to count. Member McVay requested information as to why this request was being made and the need for it and could possibly be made as part of a EB news update.

Zoning Task Force Update – Update provided by Susan Barbarisi and discussion ensued. Chairman Ellison recommended that concerns raised should be brought to the Zoning Task Force. Ms. Barbarisi noted that there would be public hearings.

Climate Smart Task Force

Given the Covid restrictions, there had not been a huge opportunity to collect information. Chairman suggested that the January minutes be revisited and determine what Member Donn Carragher had provided as an assignment to individual Board members.

Outreach Coordinator responded to inquiry from Member Cerini relative to future meetings and production of paper products. Digital versus paper could be a viable medium when available to reduce use of paper resources.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Mance, Secretary

Approved July 15, 2020