

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING – VIA ZOOM  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Ellison  
Cynthia McVay  
Laura Petit

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Noel Russ  
Chris DeCicco

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Council Liaison Kathy Quick  
Outreach Coordinator Alex Dean  
Ellie Gartenstein

Meeting commenced at 7:01 p.m.

**Matt Rogers – Green Grants Discussion**

- Letters of support need to be updated (Alex Dean will be working on)
- Confirm cost estimates
- Lighthouse Park isn't designated Greenway Site and panel there would require it to be a designated Greenway site. Would need to include Lighthouse Park in the grant application. Suggested EB Member fill out the request to include Lighthouse Park (rather than himself) to help keep down cost.

Mark Ellison indicated the EB would take care of completing request to add Lighthouse Park as a Greenway site.

Mark Ellison asked the EB be made aware of deadlines and Matt Rogers responded that there was time (November 8, 2021).

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Notes** - Chairman called for a Motion to approve the August 18, 2021 Notes as amended. Upon Motion of Mark Ellison, seconded by Cynthia McVay and all in favor, notes were approved.

**Membership Status** – Ellie Garstenstein had submitted for an application for membership which had been provided to the Town Board. Ms. Gartenstein was invited to attend the Town Board meeting that was taking place on September 16, 2021.

**UC EMC Update** – Nothing new to report.

**Video Conferencing** - Zoom vs. in-person would require the home address became a topic of discussion.

**2022 EB Budget** – Laura Petit represented the EB. Laura indicated the \$1,000 for brochures and events was questioned during the budget discussion. Alex Dean would currently handle copying brochures in house (color brochures). Councilperson Quick noted the budget wouldn't be finalized until the end of October and she would keep the EB apprised.

It was asked what would be necessary to have a Resolution relative to the NY Stretch Code to be placed on the Town Board Agenda. There were monies available if the Code was adopted prior to the end of

the year. Alex Dean would follow up with Mark Jaffee with regard to the request to place the NY Stretch Code. Ellie Garenstein would provide draft NYSERDA Resolution to Alex Dean.

**CSRPT** – Earlier this day, Mark Ellison had joined a Zoom meeting with Brent Goetch and Emily Vaile of the Cornell CO-OP, Mark Jafee and Laura Petit in regard to inventory wherein results will be presented on October 7, 2021 from 9 – 12 a.m. It has been decided that it will be a Zoom meeting with the Town of Lloyd and all EB Members are invited. Emily Vaile is confirming attendance.

**New Business:**

**Greenway Grants** – Moving forward

**Honeybee Jubilee** – Laura Petit provided update. There had been difficulties with vendors giving last minute cancellations. Mark Ellison offered to provide his assistance for a limited time. Composting brochures would also be provided and vendors were still being encouraged to attend.

Adopt-a-Spot - Laura Petit was looking for assistance to place mums in planters.

**Climate Smart Task Force**

Laura Petit was asked to provide agenda items relative to Climate Smart for future meetings.

Chris DeCicco would be working with Laura Petit at the food truck festival

Town Board looking to install an EV charging station for the Building Department.

Laura Petit screen-shared signage that would help with recycling at functions and within Town.

Benchmarking - Portfolio manager – Ellie Gartenstein could assist with account numbers. Ellie indicating that getting account numbers would be a good place to start and get 2 years of data.

Events were announced. Volunteers needed for the 5K and the Film Festival.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Mance, Secretary

Approved October 20, 2021