

Environmental Board Draft Minutes

October 20, 20201

Present: Chairman Mark Ellison, Cynthia McVay, Chris DeCicco (7:07), Ellie Gartenstein and Noel Russ (7:17 p.m.)

Excused: Climate Smart Chairperson Laura Petit

Also present: Zoom Host Alex Dean and Town Board Liaison Kathie Quick

Meeting commenced at 7:01 p.m.

September Notes (Minutes) – as corrected - Mark Ellison moved to approve and Ellie Gartenstein seconded.

Membership – Laura Petit had not provided a possible new candidate

UC EMC Update- There was a new secretary for the EMC and minutes were distributed to Members.

Resiliency Plan – October 7, 2021 the grid sheet had been completed and provided to CSRPT – Melinda Herzog & Brent Gotsch. Chairman inquired if the presentation had been provided to the Town Board. Focus needed on Community Smart Program. Chairman asked that all look at links that include CSRPT and Power Point.

Green Grants application – Matt Rogers working with the EB with a November 8, 2021 deadline. Chairman has been working on the Hudson River Trail Site Plan request – Mark Ellison has question to present to Matt Rogers. This will be part of the Greenway Trail which Matt Rogers of LaBerge is working on.

Other - Chairman Ellison asked Liaison Quick for any budget advisements. Councilperson Quick noted that it was still being reviewed.

Chairman Ellison inquired if the NY Stretch Code had been before the Town Board. Ellie Gartenstein had attended an Esopus Town Board meeting and addressed the Board relative to same. The TB had asked for documentation which Ellie had provided. Ellie could also adapt the Code she had been involved with in Kingston to meet needs for Esopus. The cut-off to adopt was December 31, 2021 and the Town would be eligible for a grant and a resolution would be needed. Ellie indicated she could assist in the wording for a draft resolution if needed. She did indicate that there was a specific portion of the draft resolution that indicated where it would appear in the Code if adopted. Ms. Gartenstein indicated that the Code Enforcement Officer would be the best person to determine where the wording should be placed within the Town Code if adopted. Member Gartenstein would send information that was requested by the Town Board to Liaison Councilperson Quick to move this to the Town Board.

New Business:

Bat-O-Ween- To be held on October 30th and Chairman asked for assistance/input. Ellie would contact Laura Petit to see what may be needed to promote the event.

Chairman noted that UC EMC has a guest speaker at each meeting and asked if the EB would like to incorporate that into its local meetings.

Climate Smart - Mark Ellison read a memo from Laura Petit relative to charging stations and funding. Various locations throughout the Town had been considered for station but the funding may not be available at the time. Kathie Quick noted that a consideration could be made for Town Hall and promote a future vehicle for the building department.

Profile – Noel Russ had provided an initial report and had provided to Laura Petit. Member Russ would share what he had provided to the Members. Laura Petit was going to contact Kat Carroll relative to benchmarking.

Benchmarking – Portfolio Manager - Ellie Gartenstein reviewed Central Hudson data helpful. She had provided input into the portfolio manage but data was needed to assist in her efforts – dimensions of buildings would be helpful – years that buildings were built.

Chairman Ellison asked Ellie Gartenstein to provide overview of encounter with Julie Noble of Kingston relative to passing the NY Stretch Energy Code. Chairman Ellison would circulate video to EB Members.

Next Meeting November 17, 2021.

Meeting adjourned upon motion of Noel Russ, seconded by Cynthia McVay at 8:08 p.m.

Dated November 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa K. Mance, Secretary

Approved: November 17, 2021