

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jen Barrows	Annmarie Belfiglio
Diane Dintruff	Mark Ellison
Kathy Foley	Karyn Grieco
John Miller	Kathie Quick

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Don Cole  
Wayne Freer (Liaison)

Just a quick recap of the Dec. 12, 2012 meeting -

There were only three in attendance - Annmarie, Mark, and Karyn, as well as guest Carl Belfiglio.

We discussed recycling at the transfer station. Annmarie suggested we put in writing, without naming names, the comparisons and prices of local waste haulers along with transfer station information, so people can make an educated choice with respect to their garbage.

We will also begin work on a new recycling brochure.

Annmarie has a niece who attends SUNY New Paltz and is involved in their Environmental Science Program. She believes that students can obtain credit through outside involvement. Annmarie will get more info and see about a guest speaker.

Carl spoke about the Resource Recovery Agency and the Flow Control Law. He said that the RRA had three choices - get out of the business - impose a district tax or go with the new law. Carl is always willing to share information, he may be contacted at [cbef@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:cbef@co.ulster.ny.us)

And now for this evening's meeting -

Mark made a motion to accept the Minutes from Oct. 17, 2012, seconded by Diane and approved by all.

Mark made a motion to accept the Secretary's Pay Voucher, seconded by Jen, approved by all.

**MEMBERSHIP**

With the exception of Jen, Mark and Kathie, whose terms were due to expire Dec. 31, 2012, and who have indicated that they would like to remain on the Board, everyone else's term will expire on Dec. 31, 2013. Karyn will contact Don Cole with respect to his involvement with the Board.

Annmarie, who previously had expressed an interest in being the Chairperson, has indicated that due to a new job and other personal commitments, she is no longer able to consider the position.

At this time, as no one else is interested in being the Chairperson, Karyn will continue as Acting Chairperson.

### **MEETINGS - DAY & TIME**

Karyn asked, that due to time constraints, that the meetings be held on the second Wednesday rather than the third. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that the second Tuesday would be fine.

Kathie indicated, however, that Scenic Hudson was scheduled to come to our February meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.) to discuss Frank's Sedge, therefore we shall keep that meeting date (Feb. 20) and start with meeting on the second Wednesday in March.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a brief discussion of the possible new Resort down by the Black Creek in Esopus. Mark indicated that he would like the Town Board to keep the Environmental Board involved in the process so that we can attend Planning Boards meeting and give our input.

Diane is looking to have Scenic Hudson undertake a project that would increase the utilization of parks and waterways in the Town of Esopus. We spoke about the project with respect to the Environmental Board. Annmarie indicated that it could be construed as part of what we are about. Mark wanted to know what costs would be involved and how would it be funded. Grants? Kathie indicated that education would be a necessity and incorporate responsible usage and include children and the Recreation Department. Karyn indicated that it appeared to be more tourism based, however should the project be realized that perhaps the Environmental Board could become involved with respect to the awareness, education and preservation our natural resources.

Annual Sapling Giveaway - It was agreed that this Board will once again hand out saplings in conjunction with the Library and recognition of Earth Day in April. Karyn will order the saplings from DEC/Saratoga Tree Nursery as follows - 100 Nannyberry, 100 Bayberry, and 100 Butternut.

Mark will be attending an Esopus Environmental Social tomorrow evening with Dan Shapley and will advise at next meeting of any facts of interest.

Bud, from the Town of Lloyd Environmental Board, is interested in sharing thoughts and information with us pertaining to a water trail along the Black Creek.

Jen and Mark will let us know when Hudsonia is offering a course of Biodiversity as well as a course on how to map.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Karyn made mention, as discussed in the past by both she and Wayne Freer, that although we

can all let anyone we want know that we are members of this Board, we can not make any representation to anyone one person or entity with respect to the support or undertaking of any project. We are, in essence, as Advisory Board, and as such need the approval of the Town before making such representation.

There being no further business, Jen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Due to a previous commitment with Scenic Hudson or next meeting will be the third Wednesday in February, that being Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. 2013. Otherwise, unless announced, all meetings will now take place on the Second Wednesday of the month in the Community Room at Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco  
Secretary