

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT - Kathie Quick, Kathy Foley, Diane Dintruff, Karyn Grieco

MEMBERS EXCUSED - Annmarie Belfiglio, Mark Ellison, Jen Barrows, John Miller

The meeting was opened at 7:15 pm.

Membership - With the sad passing on Don Cole, a long time member of this Board, whom will be missed greatly, we currently have an opening for an additional member.

Meeting Dates & Times - After some discussion, Wednesdays still continue to be the best day of the week. We will try going back to the 3rd Wednesday, however, meeting to begin at 6:30 pm.

Esopus Explorers - This evening, with great delight, Diane informed the Board that the program has received final approval. Good Job Diane. As had been previously suggested. The Board discussed creating an insert for the Trail Guide educating the public on preserving & protecting the areas along the trails.

Sapling Giveaway - In April of 2013, there was a shortage in the shipment we received. In June 2013, Saratoga Tree Nursery sent a reimbursement check in the amount of \$43.20. It was suggested that rather than doing the giveaway to coincide with Earth Day, setting up a table along 9W during the Memorial Day Parade would create better awareness. Also mentioned was purchasing native flora or a riparian packet and plant along the water at George Freer Park to help deter the geese and help prevent erosion.

DEC Climate Smart Communities Pledge - Kathie spoke about a program initiated by the DEC

and the guidelines for a municipality to be recognized as having in place a successful local climate program. This will need to be presented to and adopted as a resolution by the Town Board. For more info you can visit the DEC website.

New Recycling Brochure - Members are asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Next meeting will be Wed. Feb. 19th 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco
Secretary