

Town of Esopus
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes

December 4 , 2014

Members Present: Shari, AnnMarie, Mark, George & Marge
S. Pratt-Secretary

Liaison: Cathy Quick

1. Review of previous meeting agenda by Shari.
2. Shari opened the discussion to having members take responsibilities for upcoming projects, George & Marge agreed to take on the Composting Project, we hope to schedule a visit with UCRRRA to view their compost site & get ideas to begin our own. Mark interested in Community Forums – Farmers Market, Sheila and Ann Marie will work on ideas and workers for the garden.
3. Train Noise – Shari sent a letter to Scenic Hudson regarding the increased levels of noise, no response yet.
4. Transfer Station- The town is closing due to costs
Land Fill – Do to cuts with the town this is going out to bid to contractors and we will request that recycling of wet garbage be included in the contract.
Mark – Contacting DEC –Spring seminars for RECYCLING
5. Community Garden - Ann Marie will speak to the local Boy Scout troop to gain their help with the Community Garden and will contact her niece who is an organic gardener for ideas on keeping it simple yet productive.
6. Community Garden Seedlings - Sheila will make contact with her daughter's 3rd grade teacher to ask if the children could start a "Seedling Project" to contribute to the garden

Marge is connected with "New Horizons" an organization which works with people with disabilities to possibly be part of the Community Garden team for planting and maintaining the garden.
7. Train Crossings – Shari is concerned with the daily crude oil shipments CSX is moving through our town and what type of FEMA plan is in action in the event of a major derailment and oil spill and the effect this would have on our township for decades to come. She intends to send a letter to the Planning Board recognizing these concerns as Chair of the Environmental Board.

Next meeting: February 4th, 2015

Respectfully submitted by:
Sheila Pratt,
Environmental Board Secretary
12/19/2014