

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT - Kathie Quick, Carol Tomasetti, Mike Minor, Marion Zimmer, Joe Guido, Bill Benson, Gloria VanVliet (Town Board Liaison)

MEMBERS EXCUSED - Rosemarie Kristofy, Eli Schloss

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm. Kathie asked for a moment of silence as Pete Seeger passed away earlier this day.

Zoning - Joe expressed the sadness, felt by all, with the passing of Don Cole.

Planning - Mike stated there was nothing new to report. However, the Mount Community is planning a project and did present their ideas. Marion asked that the when the Planing Board is aware of an item on their agenda that would eventually be passed on to the Waterfront Advisory Board, the WAB be informed so that members may attend that Planning Board meeting.

Environmental Board - Kathie spoke about the possible riparian planting at George Freer Beach to help with the erosion and geese issue. A discussion as to the best plants and placement was addressed and the idea will be revisited at a later date.

Chester - Carol prepared a 2013 Summary and has given it to the Town Board. She also noted very low tide in November and suggested that perhaps the mooring should be moved north a bit. Chester's underside also needs painting.

Mute Swans - DEC has stated that these orange billed free range swans are a nuisance and not only eat but also destroy the vegetation and upset the habitat of native swans, geese & wildlife. Carol asked if signs are necessary saying "DO NOT FEED"

Other Business - Marion spoke of applying for a Riverkeeper Grant for Esopus Explorers. Diane Dintruff has written an article for "Boating On The Hudson"

Membership - Carol & Joe have been sworn in for another term. Kathy Weitze has vacated her place on the Board therefore there is an opening for a new member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco
Secretary