

TOWN OF ESOPUS
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathie Quick Mike Minor
Kathy Weitze Joe Guido
Bill Benson Marion Zimmer

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Carol Tomasetti Eli Schloss
Rosemarie Kristofy

Gloria VanVliet (Town Board Liaison)

Kathie called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes from Jan. 22nd, seconded by Mike, approved by all.

Kathy made a motion to accept the Secretary's pay voucher, seconded by Marion, approved by all.

ZONING BOARD - Joe indicated that there was nothing new to report. Linda Smythe has indicated that she will be resigning from the Zoning Board creating an opening.

PLANNING BOARD - Mike indicated that there was nothing new to report. The Ferguson matter is still in the process.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD - Kathie indicated that the Annual Sapling Giveaway will take place on Saturday, April 27th at the Library.

RIVERKEEPER RIVER SWEEP - Riverkeeper is looking for volunteers to help clean up the Hudson River shoreline and other tributaries on Saturday, May 11th. They asked if the WAB could help with Esopus Meadows and Lighthouse Park. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the WAB would continue its tradition of cleanup at the Sleightsburg Park. If they get a lot of volunteers and/or finish early, then folks to go to the other two places afterwards.

Mike suggested contacting Gary Swinger at the Mount Community to help. Kathie will follow up. Marion will also contact Andy Bicking - Boy Scout Leader to see if they would like to get involved.

Kathie will provide gloves, contact the Highway Department about a dumpster and double check to make sure a porta potty is in place. Volunteers are asked to meet at 9 am and stay til 11 am.

GEESE - Marion is still researching how to minimize the geese population at George Freer Park.

EXPLORE ESOPUS PROJECT - Marion Zimmer and Diane Dintruff are involved in a project to bring awareness to trails and sites of interest within the Town. Marion indicated that she made a presentation to the Town Board who thought it was a good idea. It has also been presented to Scenic Hudson who has offered to donate \$200 towards the project, possibly to purchase T shirts or water bottles. John Burroughs has also thinks it is a good idea.

The Greenway Grant comes out in June and is awarded in October. If awarded to this project or by means of fund raising, monies can be used to promote the project and also pay for patches to give to those who complete certain criteria. Estimated cost - approx. \$1200.

NEW BUSINESS

Gloria stated that Mayor Shane Gallo (Kingston) contacted John Coutant (Town Supervisor) with respect to a Watershed Management Plan and assisting Dteve Noble with same.. John in turn sent an email to the Town Board members. Gloria wasn't sure of all the details and said that Donna McAuley will contact Steve for more info. Kathie said that she will be seeing Steve on 2/27, and she too will find out what this is about.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco
Secretary