

Town of Esopus

Waterfront Advisory Board

February 3, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

Members Present: B. Gehrke, J. Bellusci, A. Cahill, C. Tomasetti, E. Schloss, M. Zimmer

TBLiaison: Les Kalmus; Chairman: C. Quick

Secretary: S. Pratt

Members Excused: R. Kristofy, J. Guido

- 1. **Kathie called the meeting to order at 7:05** - All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, she then handed out the annual report which she read to the group.*
- 2. **Review minutes of 12/02/15 meeting** - Members review December's minutes, Kathy asks if there are any questions or changes, and asks for a motion to approve, Brett makes the motion and Janet Bellusci seconds, all members approve minutes as written.*
- 3. **Plans for Riverkeeper Sweep May 7-Sleightsburgh?** Kathy asks Eli to share his plans that Clearwater is having for a free family event on May 7th 9:00 am at Esopus Meadows, depending on the tide. Check their website for specific times and events but dress for a spring muddy clean-up. Kathy feels that Sleightsburgh Spit should be cleaned in April in advance of the spring foliage. Sheila added that on a recent walk the Spit was very clean with no garbage on the road or trail. It's possible that we will not have an organized clean-up as it seems to be in good condition and is monitored by adjacent families and board members that are walking regularly and picking up. Eli asks if the dumpster would be available at Lighthouse Park and Kathy says she will set it up and advises there will be a port-a-potty available. The wooden sign is in process of being replaced at this time. Eli will get some fliers to Kathy to distribute and asks for any assistance board members could give for the event.*
- 4. **Acceptable Use Policy for our Parks?** Marion and board members ask for a copy of this to review in relation to the pit and policy that should have applied. Sheila advises there is and she will forward to all members. In early fall 2015 a restriction was put in place for NO DOGS in the Town parks due to a dog attack. Ross Park does have a sign in place, unsure about the other parks, Kathy will speak with the Supervisor on the status of this action and how it applies to the town code. Members discuss the pros and cons of the action and note that NYS has a leash law to comply with.*
- 5. **Planning Board:** Book SASS Suggestions - Kathy brought copies to give to each member, thought this manual was very descriptive and helpful understanding various projects along the Hudson River that either due to poor environmental or structural planning had negative results.*
- 6. **Zoning Board:** Although Joe Guido is absent Sheila is the secretary to this board and advises there are no issues before them that would affect the WAB.*
- 7. **Environmental Board:** At this time nothing that would affect the WAB is before them. There has been discussion regarding the DEC/NYS Thruway Authority partnership on the Pilgrim Pipeline and*

opposition to the project by the local community. Carol asks if someone from the Environmental Board could assist her in evaluating the foliage that could assist us in reduction of shore erosion. Sheila responds that she may need more resources than we have available and possibly need to contact Nate at Scenic Hudson or another contact; U.C Soil & Water for helpful aquatic foliage native to this area.

8. **Chester** - Carol advises that status of the 2015 season and the plan for the season ahead. Nothing new now, in spring she is going to contact company that built the boat in upstate NY and ask them to come down and answer questions she has on the machine, go over some things with her, adjust the paddle wheels, etc.

10. **Other business?** Kathie asks if there is anything else, Carol Tomasetti asks the status of the Master Plan, we had previously asked Supervisor McCord some questions and wanted to know where we stand with that, if we are looking into grant funding to work on the Master Plan. Kathy notes that Grant Funding is completed by volunteers at this time. Sheila states that she was advised there is funding available to assist towns in completing and updating plans presently in place but to be sure your request is parallel to the plan in place.

Kathy asks if there is anything else, no members respond so she closes the meeting at 7:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Pratt - Secretary 2/17/2016

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 22016