

**TOWN OF ESOPUS LWRP AND WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MAY 30, 2023 – VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Margaret Phelan, Chet Allen, Tim Triscari, Marion Zimmer, Lynn Corcoran-Johnston, Eli Schloss, Vincent Coq, Eli Schloss and Carol Tomassetti

EXCUSED: Eric Keyser

ALSO PRESENT: Adriana Beltrani, AICP, Town Board Liaison Kathy Quick and Environmental Board Liaison Cynthia McVay

Chairperson Margaret Phelan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

LWRP – Adrianna Beltrani, AICP

Planner Beltrani thanked members for their comments. Planner Beltrani had contacted Joshua Hunn at NYS Department of State to work through more detailed comments which included working Esopus context into the explanation of policy. Input was requested from the Members and Planner Beltrani provided a flowchart for consideration. The timeline provided suggested to

1. confirm the draft LWRP was acceptable to forward to the Department of State;
2. receive comments back from the Department of State;
3. receive input from Esopus Town Board and other Boards/Committees for draft 2;
4. compile final draft after compiling all comments (include Town Board Resolution of acceptance and initiate SEQRS);
5. submit to Department of State for final review.

Chairperson Phelan stated she wished for the Committee to vote to forward the draft LWRP to the Department of State at the June 26, 2023 meeting. Planner Beltrani would provide the first complete draft prior to the June meeting for the members to vote and move the process forward.

There had been two public meetings held by the WAB/LWRP. The members agreed that the Town Board should have a public meeting when it is before that Board.

Planner Beltrani had questions pertinent to Ross Park and what progress had been made and the status of improvements at that location. Councilperson Quick would obtain information and Planner Beltrani would follow up with the Town Supervisor, Chairperson Phelan and Town Board Member Kathy Quick.

Planner Beltrani moved on to the consistency regulations. Chapter 43 in the Code enabled the Waterfront Advisory Board and Chapter 44 directed how the Board performed reviews. The DOS has revised/updated language specifically pertinent to Chapter 44. Planner Beltrani wanted to confirm any changes made were appropriate in the context of what DOS was requiring of the language. More time could be spent on the topic if the members felt it was necessary.

The two biggest concerns expressed the referral process and the also, makeup of the Waterfront Advisory Board. Member Allen referenced the requirements in §43-2 and that requirement of other Boards have a member to serve on the WAB should be discussed.

Discussion relative to the referral process in Chapter 44 took place. Historically, the Town Planner would report to the WAB but that had not been taking place recently. Planner Beltrani stated that Waterfront Assessment Form should be utilized for any projected located within the waterfront boundary. The Code Enforcement Officer could be utilized to initiate the referral. Chapter 44 included actions which would require review. Planner Beltrani would be reviewing portions of the Chapter with Joshua Hunn. If he confirmed that extensive changes could be made, Planner Beltrani would use the information provided to create a redline version of the chapter. The requirement that an applicant be required to complete the WAF was supported by the Board.

Chairperson Phelan directed that the complete draft LWRP would be provided by Planner Beltrani and required review by all members to be prepared to vote to forward to the DOS at the June 26, 2023 meeting.

WAB Business –

Chester – Carol Tomassetti stated that there would be an information session on May 31, 2023 for individuals interested in participating in the water chestnut harvesting. There were three persons interested. Tuesday June 6, 2023 there would be hands-on training session for experienced and new persons and the boat was to be launched on June 10th. Carol had been out on the river and the weeds were not ready to be cut but there were loose plants floating.

Upon Motion of Chairperson Margaret Phelan, seconded by Chet Allen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa K. Mance, Administrative Assistant

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Date Approved: June 28, 2023