

TOWN OF ESOPUS  
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 23, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathie Quick            Kathy Weitze  
Carol Tomasetti        Rosemarie Kristofy  
Marion Zimmer        Mike Minor  
Joe Guido                Gloria VanVliet (Liaison)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Bill Benson    Eli Schloss

Kathie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

After clarification that the salt line in the Hudson River actually moves south, not north as previously reported during a wet season, Joe made a motion to accept the Secretary's minutes of June 25<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mike and approved by all.

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

Zoning Board - There was nothing to report.

Planning Board - Mike made mention of a lot line revision involving two properties that back up to the Rondout Creek. As it is only a change in boundary lines Carol made a motion to state "no comment" seconded by Kathy and approved by all. Kathie will write a letter stating same. Mike also mentioned that Esopus Farms was given approval to proceed with their project and then someone realized that the property was located within the Town's LWRP. The approval was put on hold until the Waterfront Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and complete the process.

Environmental Board - Kathie will be organizing a group of volunteers to go down to the Sleightsburg Park to inventory the carex frankii.

Flooding - Marion said that the City of Kingston gave a presentation at the Maritime Museum on the possible effects of flooding in our area. The Ulster County Environmental Council has also indicated that there are changes to the National Flood Insurance Program.

Esopus Explorer's Program - Unfortunately did not receive the Grant but will continue to apply and seek funding. The City of Kingston received a \$10,000 grant for a fishing pier on the Ranted. Diane Dintruff attended this evening's meeting and shared with the committee that a Hudson River Ramble was to take place on September 14<sup>th</sup>, rain date Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Starting point is the Ranted Lighthouse, proceed to the Esopus Lighthouse and back to the Ranted Lighthouse. This event is for human powered water craft - kayak, canoe, paddle board, surf ski etc. for more info google Hudson River Ramble.

Chester - Carol said that to date there have been 85 machine hours logged versus 99 from last year, and 29 cuts versus 33 resulting in 85 loads.. Remember, we started later this year. We also have 25 volunteers this year versus 21 last year. The challenge this year is utilizing those with experience to cut at high tide. The narrows paths that have been cut at the Esopus Lighthouse have begun to growing. Wider paths need to be cut.

There is a new, very invasive weed in central New York called Hydrilla. It can grow up to three feet in one day and choke the waterways. The public needs to be educated on how to recognize this plant and report it.

There being no further business Marion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rosemarie and approved by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting, if necessary will be August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn E. Grieco  
Secretary