

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
February 5, 2019**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick Absent
Councilperson Chris Farrell

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

Supervisor Shannon Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

UPDATES:

Results of Audits

Town CPA Brian Pickard performed his annual review and issued a letter to Supervisor Harris certifying the completion and assurance that all audits of cash accounts, receipts and disbursements were satisfactory and recorded properly for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Justice Court.

Post Office

The Post Office will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Esopus Town Hall. It appears they are ready to consider a new permanent location and would like the public's input. The Postal Service will identify the need, identify the tentative decision to relocate retail services, outline the proposal to meet the need for relocation, invite questions and solicit written input on the proposal. An address will be provided to which the community and local officials may send written appeals regarding the tentative decision and comments on the proposal for a period of 30 days following the Public Meeting.

Master Plan

Councilperson Geuss gave a reminder that the CPC will hold a Public Hearing on the draft of the Master Plan on February 6, 2019 at the Esopus Town Hall at 7 pm. Adoption of the plan is projected to be April 2, 2019.

Black History Month

A group from Kingston has organized a Sojourner Truth Walk for this Saturday, February 9th to celebrate Black History month. A list of events for the month of February is in a brochure which was provided to the Town for distribution.

Volunteer Boards

Members are still needed for the Waterfront Advisory Board, Water Sewer Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Anyone interested should contact the Supervisor or Town Clerk.

Recreation Board

A change in the Recreation Board title to Parks and Recreation Board has been recommended to reflect the new scope and vision of the Town. It will need to be changed by Local Law.

SEQRA TRAINING

Ulster County Planning Board is offering training on February 12th from 7 pm – 9:30 pm at SUNY Ulster. Any Board Members needing education requirements are encouraged to attend.

AOT training

Associations of Towns will be holding their annual training in NYC February 19-21 for Board Members.

**Town of Esopus Resolution
Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program
for Esopus Land Use Law update**

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled “Town of Esopus Land Use Law Update” to be located in the Town of Esopus.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Esopus hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as “Town of Esopus Land Use Law Update” and located within this community.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Chris Farrell
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	ABSENT
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Erik Hasler from Lime Energy Services was onsite this week to survey the interior and exterior lighting at the Town Hall. This is part of Central Hudson’s Small Business Direct Install Lighting

Program. A proposal was made to the Town Board for consideration which includes a \$9,037.83 incentive from Central Hudson. The cost of the project would be \$44,017.68 with other possible discounts depending on the payment option. The project would include re-lamp and re-ballast of the interior lighting with the exception of the court room area. There is currently no retrofit available for that lighting. Lights are projected to last between 5 -10 years with a 7 year warranty on parts including bulbs and a 1 year service warranty. Exterior lighting has a 10 year manufacturer's guarantee. Central Hudson has four contractors that work for them and it would take approximately 4 – 6 weeks from the signing of the contract to complete the project. A question as to the ability to install on off hours to minimize interruption was asked. It seemed that there would be flexibility to work with various offices and their peak traffic times. Payment options of 12 and 24 months are available or an additional \$4,700 savings if the bill is paid within 30 days of the installation. The Board was open to the idea of more efficient lighting and it will be revisited during the budget season. Supervisor Harris will follow-up and see if the proposed cost will still be in effect in November. The job may be spread over a two year period. Dan Vedder will be asked to look into other lighting options to provide better efficiency in the court room area.

EDC SECRETARY CONTRACT - LISA MANCE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH LISA MANCE TO SERVE AS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY AT A RATE OF \$15.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2019 KLYNE MUSEUM CONTRACT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2019 AGREEMENT WITH THE KLYNE ESOPUS MUSEUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS . ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

YOUTH BUREAU

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2019 CONTRACT FOR THE NYS YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

SLEIGHTSBURGH PARK

A discussion was held with the Town Clerk and Town Board relating to issues at the Sleightsburgh Park. Currently there is a locked gate from approximately December 1 – April 1. For years hunters and fishermen have come in to get a key to the gate to gain access during the closed period. It has been determined that the key on the gate will be changed on an annual

basis beginning March 1, 2019. The existing lock will be removed and all current key holders will need to exchange their key by February 28. If the keys are not turned in by that time, their \$10 key deposit will be forfeited. Town Clerk Holly Netter will send out letters to all current key owners. Proof of a valid hunting/fishing license as well as a Drivers License will be required to obtain a key. The lock will be changed annually and will not be able to be duplicated. The Board will also continue to have discussions regarding implementing and enforcing operating hours at the park at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL AT 8:28 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD VACANCY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

****A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO APPOINT DONALD CARRAGHER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2019. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE STATUS ON A LITIGATION MATTER AT 8:52 PM. PLANNING CHAIRPERSON ROXANNE PECORA WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:45 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION to appoint Kyle Barnett, Esq
To Defend an Article 78 Proceeding – Port Ewen, Corp**

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to appoint Kyle W. Barnett, Esq, as special counsel to defend an Article 78 proceeding against the Town of Esopus, et al. bearing the caption of Port Ewen, Corp., v. Town of Esopus, Town of Esopus Board, Town of Esopus Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Esopus Waterfront Advisory Board, Town of Esopus Planning Board, Town of Esopus Building Department and Shannon Harris, as Supervisor of Town of Esopus, and individually, which was served on the Town on January 30, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus appoints Kyle W. Barnett, Esq., Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY, as special counsel for the purpose of defending an Article 78 proceeding at the rate of \$195.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus authorizes Mr. Barnett to take such legal actions as may be necessary on behalf of the named respondents.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Chris Farrell
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	ABSENT
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:48 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC