



**TOWN OF ESOPUS
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MAY 6th 2021 – Starting at 7:00 PM**

THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD WITH LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE DUE TO THE ONGOING PANDEMIC. INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS MAY INSTEAD JOIN [VIA ZOOM](#) OR VIEW OUR LIVE-STREAM ON THE [“TOWN OF ESOPUS” FACEBOOK PAGE](#) OR THE LIVE BROADCAST ON LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 23.

5 WAYS TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. In-Person – Attend the Workshop
2. ZOOM – Use the “Raise Hand” feature in Zoom (dial *9 if connected by phone)
3. PHONE IN – Call-in live at 7 PM or leave a voicemail on [\(845\) 328-0483](tel:8453280483)
4. EMAIL - outreach@esopus.com with the subject line “Public Comment”

TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM:

[Click Here](#) or use the call-in number below:

Conference #: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 889 4908 4124#

Passcode: 625717#

NOTE: Dial *6 to mute/unmute. Dial *9 to raise your hand.

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OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA

1. **Housekeeping** – reaffirmation of the Esopus Climate Smart Committee/membership and appointment of Laura Petit as member of the Town of Esopus Environmental Board and Climate Smart Committee Coordinator per request of Environmental Board chairman Mark Ellison.
2. **New Paltz Rescue Squad** – review and potential approval of a draft letter of support for New Paltz Rescue Squad to expand their area of operation throughout adjacent municipalities in Ulster County, including the Town of Esopus.
3. **Climate-Adaptive Design Studio** – review and potential approval of a draft letter of interest to Cornell University indicating the Town of Esopus as a potential host for the 2021 Cornell University Department of Landscape Architecture’s Climate-adaptive Design (CaD) Studio.
4. **Contractual** – review and potential approval of a proposal from Laberge Group pertaining to assistance in applying for the 2021 Hudson River Valley Greenway Trails Grant and/or applying for the 2021 Hudson River Valley Estuary Grant.
5. **Contractual** – review and potential approval of a lease agreement with BQ Energy to establish a solar field near the Esopus Transfer Station.
6. **Truck Purchase** – review and potential approval of the purchase of 1 Freightliner and 2 Western Star trucks for use by the Highway Department.
7. **Parks Reservations** – review and potential approval of two separately-requested weekly reservations on Wednesday nights at Freer and Ross Parks.
8. **Miscellaneous**
9. **Potential Executive Session** – to discuss the history of an employee in the Buildings/Grounds Department.

UPDATES

1. **Drinking Water Source Protection Program** – New York State has announced a new Drinking Water Source Protection Program, which will develop programs to address specific threats to drinking water supplies for over 40 communities, including the Town of Esopus.
2. **Summer Camp** – Students entering 7th and 8th grades are now eligible to register for Summer Camp. Early-bird discounts for Town residents are available until 5/31. Discounts are also available for families with more than one camper registering.
3. **Now Hiring** – two open positions for Seasonal Maintenance Workers in the Town Parks, Buildings & Grounds Department – first position beginning ASAP, second position beginning June 1. One open position for Fire Inspector in the Building Department, beginning ASAP. Email applications to outreach@esopus.com with the subject line “Parks Application”, or view our job postings on [Facebook](#) or [Indeed](#). For more information, [visit our website](#).
4. **Parks Cleanups** – Clean-up initiatives were held at nearly every Town-owned park the weekend of May 1. Special thanks to Councilwoman Quick, Legislator Petit, our Waterfront Advisory & Environmental Boards, Riverkeeper, and all local volunteers who ensured a fantastic turnout.
5. **Sleightsburgh Spit Park** – security gate installed on Thursday, 5/06.

ADJOURNMENT