



Town of Esopus  
Waterfront Advisory Board –  
Meeting via Zoom  
April 27, 2022 Minutes

**Members Present:** Margaret Phelan, Marion Zimmer, Eli Schloss, Chet Allen, Vincent Coq and Carol Tomassetti

**Also Present:** Town Board Liaison Kathy Quick, Environmental Board Liaison Cynthia McVay, Planning Consultant David Gilmour of the LaBerge Group, and WAB candidates Tim Triscari and Lynn Corcoran-Johnston

Chairperson Margaret Phelan commenced the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed David Gilmour of the LaBerge Group who would be replacing Matt Rogers as the Planner for the LWRP update.

**October 2021 Minutes** -Upon Motion of Chet Allen, seconded by Carol Tomassetti, meeting minutes were approved.

**Draft Local Law 1 of 2022** – The draft law had recently been provided and Margaret Phelan wanted ample time for all Members to review. Margaret indicated that she would be travelling and asked that Chet Allen take responsibility to garner comments from the Members as the Draft Law related to the LWRP and report back to the Secretary so that a letter could be drafted and presented to the Town Board.

Carol Tomassetti suggested that from a LWRP prospective, the vitality of the marinas was important and she wanted language that would ensure that camping would be subordinate to a marina. The current language appeared to be ambiguous and didn't appear to guarantee that marina use would be promoted, and that camping use would not be at the expense of a marina use. David Gilmour stated that the marina was a water dependent use in the Waterfront Zoning District.

Margaret Phelan referenced Section 5A & B which indicated that process would require Planning Board review and that it should also be put before the LWRP for input as well.

Dave Gilmour would be reviewing the proposed Law.

Margaret would discuss the amendment regarding the referral process with the Planning Consultant and Town Supervisor upon her return in April.

**Ulster County Community Development Block Grant** – All Members agreed that the grant would be beneficial to recipients and Secretary was directed to provide response letter that the WAB Members had no objections.

The sitting Members of the WAB conducted interviews with candidates Eric Keyser, Tim Triscari and Lynn Corcoran-Johnston.

Margaret Phelan offered her assistance to any person that may need assistance with Google Docs indicating that it was a platform currently being utilized in the LWRP update and would be beneficial to any new members to be familiar with the tool.

Members were directed to privately e-mail Secretary with their decision relative to the candidates and she in turn would prepare letter and forward to the Town Board.

**Riverkeeper Clean Sweep** – Liaison Kathy Quick stated that Riverkeeper was hoping to involve Members of the WAB. Carol Tomassetti would contact Amy Cahill to get list of all sites to help fill gaps for the cleanup by WAB Members.

**Chester** - Carol Tomassetti had drafted a letter to Supervisor Freer summarizing the situation with the NYS DEC relative to the water chestnut harvesting at the Sleightsburgh Spit location. She will share the final document with Members when finalized.

Upon Motion of Marion Zimmer, seconded by Chet Allen, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Dated: April 12, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa K. Mance, Secretary

Approved: June 22, 2022