



**Town of Esopus  
Waterfront Advisory Board –  
Meeting via Zoom  
May 25, 2021 Minutes**

**Members Present:** Margaret Phelan, Chet Allen, Dale Wolfield, Carol Tomassetti, Vincent Coq, and Marion Zimmer.

**Excused:** Eli Schloss

**Also Present:** Town Board Member Kathy Quick, Supervisor's Confidential Assistant Alex Dean (assumed host role – Lisa Mance had lost power and joined meeting later); and Environmental Board Liaison Cynthia McVay

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Draft Design Guidelines** - Planner Matt Rogers had forwarded draft Design Guidelines late in the afternoon and Chairperson Phelan indicated that there really hadn't been adequate time for everyone to review. She asked that the discussion be tabled until everyone had an opportunity to review. She also requested that comments and feedback be sent to Matt Rogers and copy the Members of the WAB.

**Minutes** -WAC April Minutes tabled – there were no WAB Minutes to review.

**Priority Projects List for Discussion & Selection –**

**Site Locations to visit** – Member Tomassetti felt May 24<sup>th</sup> list provided by Matt Rogers was reasonable. The list didn't include the 9W corridor or the Kosco property. Member Allen inquired if a visit to the water treatment plant was necessary and all agreed that a visit should be conducted, but wasn't a high priority – Chairperson Phelan agreed to prioritize list to provide to Matt Rogers.

Member Allen wished to move #7 – Ped/Bike Connection to Empire State Trailhead in Kingston up, stating that it may be something that could be developed quickly given that the Wurts Street Bridge is currently closed and there is no other access across to Kingston. Bike lane could be created but NYS DOT did have jurisdiction.

Member Tomassetti stated that the John Burroughs Black Creek Trail Implementation should be moved to #5.

Chairperson read prioritized list provided by Member Schloss.

Members were requested to review and provide comments back within 1 week.  
Chairperson Phelan would coordinate with Matt Rogers to schedule site visits.

Member Tomassetti revisited the Design Guidelines and did not believe “prohibited” should be included in the language – may not be legally enforceable.

**Marina Regulations** – Matter Rogers had provided draft marina regulations. Extensive conversation took place relative to the Connelly Marina which currently had camping trailers operating on the property. The Town Board and the Building Department were involved . Chairperson Phelan asked Members to review and provide comments with 1 week as well. She also stated that the guidelines were being developed for the future and didn’t necessarily apply to the current situation at the Connelly marina.

**Discussion** – Chairperson Phelan asked for a full-time liaison to the Planning Board and asked if anyone could be available. Confidential Asst. Dean stated if request was made by the WAB, he could ask Town Board to approve a social media post to canvas for additional Members (specifically from Planning Board and/or ZBA).

**ZTF – No update.**

**Chester** – Member Tomassetti noted that Chester had been uncovered. Hands on training at the Highway Department needed to be advertised and a “mixer” for the cutters at Freer Park was being planned to take place in conjunction with orientation. The mooring buoy placement and removing the winter sticker was to take place over the next weekend.

Upon Motion of Chairperson Phelan, seconded by Vincent Coq, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Dated: June 16, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa K. Mance, Secretary

Approved: