



**Town of Esopus
Waterfront Advisory Board -
Meeting via Zoom
June 22, 2022 Minutes**

Members Present: Margaret Phelan, Marion Zimmer, Chet Allen, Vincent Coq, Carol Tomassetti and Eric Keyser

Excused: Eli Schloss and Lynn Corcoran-Johnston

Absent: Tim Triscari.

Also Present: Planning Consultant David Gilmour of the LaBerge Group, Peter Loyola of CLA and Town Board Liaison Kathy Quick

Chairperson Margaret Phelan commenced the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

LWRP – The meeting was turned over to David Gilmour. List of priority and potential projects in the LWRP Section 4 had been provided to the Members and needed to be prioritized (11 projects had been listed).

Peter Loyola took over presentation and discussion of the Freer Park project and screen-shared Bulkhead and Green Infrastructure Improvements. Preliminary Cost Estimate for the project had been provided for the Members to consider. Carol Tomassetti inquired if aspects that may be undertaken by the Highway Department could be broken out and taken under consideration (removal of the bulkhead, providing topsoil, etc.) The installation of the rain gardens may require specialized crews/skills. Margaret Phelan would speak to Supervisor Freer regarding discussion with Mike Cafaldo relative to in-kind services that may be available. Chet Allen raised question of who would be responsible for the maintenance of the gardens once created and Margaret stated a conversation would need to take place with Dan Vedder.

Peter would get revised pricing with O&M to Margaret by the following week to have available during discussion with the Town Supervisor.

Dave Gilmour stated that Joshua Hunn of New York State would want to share designs with the Coastal Consistency Unit. The Members were given until the following Wednesday to submit comments to Margaret and Dave (June 29 – end of the day). Margaret also asked for a revised priority list so that comments could be provided by next week as well. Margaret reaching out to see where Scenic Hudson was with the Burroughs plan.

WAB Regular Business -

Draft Local Law – Marina/Campground – The Town had a Public Hearing and withdrew the vote on the local law. The draft law was being re-written and would be re-circulated to the Planning Board and the Waterfront Advisory Board.

April 27, 2022 Minutes as amended -Upon Motion of Chet Allen, seconded by Vincent Coq the minutes were approved.

June 1, 2022 Minutes – Minutes tabled pending list of Riversweep Cleanup sites and participants to be included.

Planner Gilmour’s LWRP Minutes – Motion by Carol Tomassetti, seconded by Chet Allen, minutes were approved.

Chester Update – Carol Tomassetti had provided some information on what had transpired with the NYS DEC. Ultimately, a permit was required to cut to the North. The weeds to the North appear to not be growing aggressively and focus would be on cutting to the South. Focus would be on widening path the path from Lighthouse Park to the river, Clearwater Corner, open fishing wall, off Esopus Meadows (off pavilion area), small kayak path by Ice House and move forward from there. The rowboat transom separated, was leaking and needed repair. Volunteers were needed for cutting and Carol asked to spread the word.

Upon Motion of Chet Allen, seconded by Carol Tomassetti, meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa K. Mance, Secretary

Dated: June 27, 2022

Approved: September 23, 2022