



**Town of Esopus  
Waterfront Advisory Board -  
Meeting via Zoom - Hosted by Alex Dean  
December 16, 2020 Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Mercedes Ross, Chet Allen, Margaret Phelan, Carol Tomassetti, Eli Schloss, Vincent Coque, Marion Zimmer and Dale Wolfeld

**Also Present:** Supervisor Shannon Harris, Consultant Matt Rogers of the LaBerge Group, Diane Dintruff, Josh Hunn (NYS DOS), Kristen Wilson (Director of Grants Management for the City of Kingston), Jen Fuentes and Environmental Board Liaison Cynthia McVay

Members of the Environmental Board joined after the conclusion of its meeting - Chairman Mark Ellison, Donald Carragher, Stephen Cerini, Noel Russ and Legislator Laura Petite.

The Agenda was taken out of order to allow for Kristen Wilson to address the Waterfront Advisory Board relative to the plans along the Kingston waterfront and Esopus' plan for the LWRP.

The Members returned back to the WAB Agenda.

Carol Tomassetti had created a document relative to the shipyards. Mr. Yonnetti was proposing a project (marina) along the Esopus portion of the waterfront in close proximity to the Sleightsburg Spit. Years previously, a project had been proposed and the WAB had submitted recommendations at that time. Member Tomassetti noted that the current proposal was substantially revised. Pilings were being proposed to sustain a floating dock. The DEC was requesting recommendations on the proposal.

The proposal was missing DEC vegetation which was being traced, as well as the access to the proposed docks. The plan only proposed access via the Rondout Creek, not by land but questions were raised. Right of Way from Central Hudson was one land matter that would need to be addressed. Supervisor Harris noted that the New York State Department of State had requested input from the Town of Esopus and there was a 30-day timeframe within which to provide same. All members agreed that there were concerns that should be scrutinized and be provided in a formal recommendation to the State. Additionally, Supervisor Harris stated that a formal permit should be obtained from the Building Department and given the time of the year, the Town should request an extension to the response time given to formulate a response. Member Chet Allen agreed to provide input in formulating a response. Member Carol Tomassetti noted that promoting the use of the water was under consideration and garnered further investigation. Planner Rogers stated that much more information may need to be provided and a letter should be drafted to address concerns. Supervisor Harris was willing to collaborate with Matt Rogers and Chet Allen to create a response. Member Tomassetti was going to provide the original that



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addressed concerns that had been presented previously although some issues were not relevant to this project.

**Sleightsburgh Trails**

Member Marion Zimmer noted that the two (2) main trails that had previously existed (Central Hudson ROW down the center that often goes under water) and another along the edge of creek, there is a cross trail to the main Central Hudson Trail should be maintained. The creek side trail had eroded. There was a previous trail (that had a bench which was currently subject to the tides) which should be considered. Members Carol Tomassetti and Marion Zimmer agreed to walk the trails with Supervisor Harris to investigate, as well as to determine signage to implement what is available in the park. The walk was best suggested for the Spring.

Minutes were tabled to allow for review of the LWRP with Matt Rogers.

**Chairperson Ross called for motions to accept the WAB Minutes from November and December 2020** (corrected to reflect Member Chet Allen being present or absent at the November 2020 meeting). Motion to accept minutes made by Carol Tomassetti, seconded by Margaret Phelan and all Members accepting, the Minutes were adopted as corrected. Chairperson Ross called for a Motion to accept the Minutes from September, upon Motion of Member Margaret Phelan, seconded by Member Chet Allen, the Minutes were approved.

Respectfully Submitted: January 28, 2021