

# **Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Commission**

## **Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2021**

### **Via videoconference**

**Present:** Chris Beadle, Rose Rudnitski, Yoni Schwartz, Kenji Tierney, Rich Whitney

Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Town Board Liaison

Amanda Gotto, Planning Board Liaison

Janelle Peotter, Climate Smart Liaison

Kathy Preston, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

1. Kenji moved, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the November minutes as written. All in favor.
2. The Board discussed the proposed Trans-Hudson Project. The Village Board has voted to allow water and sewer hookup for the property and the Town Board will be voting on the petition to extend the water district on 12/16. The project is also currently under review by the Ulster County Planning Board and the DOT; parking requirements, trail maintenance, and Rt. 299 access all still need to be determined.
3. Climate Smart Update:
  - 70 people attended the Meetup on Bitcoin; Janelle will send a link to the YouTube recording.
  - The Climate Smart Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. *Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation* is the continued pick for December; they'll be discussing *The Nature of Oaks* on January 18.
  - Joe Londa has revamped the Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Town and Village and will be offering recommendations.
4. Planning Board update:
  - HVFCU has some issues to address and will need to come back before the Planning Board. They've applied for a waiver to add a drive-through.
  - The Viking Industries warehouse expansion is applying for a variance to place parking in the front; the ZBA has not yet made a determination. There will be a public hearing with the ZBA sometime in January.
  - The Planning Board made a site visit to 192 Mountain Rest Road. As expected, it is a very challenging project dealing with steep slopes, wetlands, and streams
  - The Hampton Inn will be converting a conference room into hotel rooms for a total of 90 rooms at the hotel. There will be no need for additional parking.
  - Rich will attend the January 10 meeting.
  - Rose will attend the January 24 meeting.
5. It was agreed that for 2022 the EnCB will continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be January 19, 2022.

Yoni moved, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.