

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
Minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2021
via videoconference

Present: Chris Beadle, Kenji Tierney, Rose Rudnitski, Rich Whitney
Amanda Gotto, Planning Board Liaison
Janelle Peotter, Climate Smart Liaison
Kathy Preston, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm.

1. Kenji moved, Rose 2nd to approve the minutes of the October 20th meeting as written. All in favor.
2. Planning Board Liaison Schedule: Rose will attend on November 22 and Rich will ask Yoni to attend on December 13.
3. Planning Board Update:
 - 192 Mountain Rest Road will require wetlands permits and a site visit is being planned.
 - Trans-Hudson will be presenting a new traffic study which is currently being reviewed by the Planning Board consultant. Many aspects of the project still need to be discussed by the Planning Board. There was a discussion about the proposed intersection with the Empire State Trail and the proposed bike path. Amanda reiterated that while site visits are useful and encouraged, it is required that only clarifying questions be asked during the visit.
 - HVFCU: The drive-thru will require a waiver, as well as the elimination of the 2nd story requirement. The proposed exit crosses the Empire State Trail and is problematic; there may also be an issue with encroachment of the wetlands buffer
 - Viking Industries is adding a building in a fairly straightforward application.
4. Climate Smart Update:
 - The next Meetup will be on Tuesday, December 7, regarding the environmental implications of cryptocurrency.
 - The Book Club selection, “ReGeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation”, has been extended through December and discussion will be held on December 21 at 7:00 pm
 - The Climate Smart Committee will be submitting a report to the Town and Village Boards on its 2021 accomplishments, as well as asking for guidance on further steps for 2022.
 - Rose will connect Janelle with someone at SUNY regarding synthetic turf.
5. The next meeting of the EnCB will be held on December 15.