

**Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2022**  
**7:30 pm**  
**via videoconference**

Present: Rich Whitney, Rose Rudnitski, Robert Ferri, Ted Nitza

Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Town Board Liaison  
Amanda Gotto, Planning Board Liaison  
Janelle Peotter, Climate Smart Liaison

Haley Bigango, Labella Law Firm representing Hudson Valley Credit Union  
Charlie, Representative for Hudson Valley Credit Union

Rich called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.

1. Rose moved, Robert seconds motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 15, 2022 as written. All in favor.
2. Rose will attend September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Planning Board meeting and Ted will attend October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Planning Board meeting.
3. Planning Board Update
  - a) Haley from Labella Law gave update on HVCU project at South Ohioville and rt 299 intersection. 100 foot wetland buffer will be created and restoration of previously disturbed wetlands will occur. Removal of current parking lot and septic system in plans for project. Thanked the Board for opportunity to speak with us.
  - b) Cragwood Rd subdivision will create a new buildable lot. Lots of wetlands and other environmental concerns. Area is within the newly created CEA.
  - c) Rocky Hill subdivision 2 lots both of which have wetland violations.
  - d) Dubios Rd project is in known bald eagle nesting habitat and will require a new assessment this February when the previous one runs out.
4. Letter for North Ohioville 6 lot subdivision (cluster subdivision Town Code 121.25) still being worked on by Rose
5. Farmers' Choice received a tree survey waiver from the Town Board after being its' request to the Planning Board was rejected.
6. Village EPB Update:
  - a) The board has 4 members including a High School student and is looking for one more member. All members are required to either work or conduct business in the Village.
  - b) Budget was approved and will remain the same as previous year.
  - c) Draft Environmental Impact Statement is being submitted for the Morello "dorm" project.
  - d) Village is working on crafting a vehicle idle law
  - e) Next meeting will be held October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm
7. Landfill Solar Project:

- a) Currently on hold due to high cost of interconnection to existing electrical infrastructure.
- 8. Climate Smart Update:
  - a) Janelle asked the EnCB to sign a letter of support for Senate Bill s-7891. Rose moved and Rob seconds. Ted, Rose, and Rob voted to support endorsing the bill. Rich voted against citing no time to research the bill or proposed action.
  - b) The Climate Smart Book Club will discuss “Power after Carbon” at next meeting
  - c) Task Force will meet on September 27
  - d) There will be a meet up on October 4<sup>th</sup> on how to reduce School’s greenhouse gas emission and a workshop on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Community center.
- 9. EnCB discussed meeting in person at 7:30pm at the New Paltz Justice Center for the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Rose moved and Rich seconds to adjourn. All in favor. The adjourned at 9:15pm