

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
October 26, 2016
Community Center
7:30 p.m.

Participants: Joe B, Mike M, Noel R, Laura D, Andy A, Mike D, Jim Littlefoot stopped by but had to leave immediately.

Public Comment: None

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve July minutes by Andy, seconded by Mike M. 4 approve, 2 abstentions. Passed.

Planning Board Projects Status:

Projects for review: Jim grabbing everything in our town hall box.

1. Added on Slack (#planningboardapps)
 - a. Bluemark application on 40 Sunset Ridge. Comments forthcoming. Need more info on construction plan details. Would like to ensure it complies with the latest energy code requirements.
2. Tree application (#npencbagenda)
 - a. Russ tree application. Applicant wants to cut down some damaged trees.
 - i. Motion made by Mike M to approve seconded by Laura. Approved by a count of 5-0 with one abstention.
3. Ferris Woods updated application added to agenda. The packet we received on Ferris Woods was from June. Mike D will ask the clerk to confirm if there was a written response to our comments and if there was an updated revision.

Discussions:

- Habitat Assessment draft comments (#habitat-assessment). Andy thinks it looks good. We should probably create a checklist for the town to use and the requirements that would initiate the need for a habitat assessment. Members agreed to review the draft and think about forming a checklist for the planning board to adopt. Will discuss at next meeting.
- Seminar on Why the Walkill River turned Green (#general) November 3rd from 6:30-8:30PM.
- Ulster County EMC. Jim brought Clean Vehicle and Infrastructure flyers with information on grants available. There was also information on the plastic ban. Joe will look for his previous letter on the ban and prepare for a discussion next meeting.
- Using Slack for communication (<https://slack.com>). Is it helpful? Yes. We will continue to use.
- Gateway update. Laura update. Town board approved the moratorium in a close vote. Neil went to the planning board meeting to inform them. It sounds like there are some more steps to implement. Public hearing was held on October 20th. Laura will try to find out what the next steps are. There is a 10AM meeting for a CVS discussion on EAF.
- Grant Writer Status: Dan was not in attendance.

New Business:

New member recruitment (Libby's resignation).

Secretary. Does anyone know someone interested in taking notes? Mike to confirm what the pay is and send to Laura. She will advertise on Facebook.

Joe brought up the Pilgrim Pipeline. Will look into creating a response for the town.

Add an item on the agenda for anything we want to state at the next planning board meeting.

Need to follow up on the Storm Water law. Will have to check with Clouser to see what the status is.

Joe will attend next PB meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mike D. Seconded by Andy. Meeting ended at 9:40PM