

Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board

Minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2021

Held via teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

Participants: Hope Nitza, Ted Nitza, Rose Rudnitski, Yoni Schwartz, Susan Stessin-Cohn, Kenji Tierney, Rich Whitney

Amanda Gotto, Planning Board Liaison

Rachel Lagodka

Kathy Preston, Secretary

Absent: Ingrid Haeckel, Janelle Peotter

Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Town Board Liaison

1. **Approval of Minutes for March 17, 2021** Yoni moved, Kenji 2nd to approve the minutes as written. All in favor.
2. **Planning Board:** the EnCB discussed the following projects:
 - **Homeland Towers DEIS:** Amanda reviewed the schedule and procedure. Public comment is open until 4/26
 - **215 Huguenot Street:** The scope of the project has expanded and there is a potential encroachment on the wetland buffer by a parking area.
 - **271 Main Street (Tesla):** Charging units have been proposed for existing spots in front of the Plaza Diner. There is nothing for the EnCB at this time.
 - **525 Albany Post:** The Wetland Inspector has determined there is no need for a permit. There was a discussion about the location of the structure and applicant outreach.

The following members agreed to attend the Planning Board meetings on the following dates:
April 26: Kenji; May 10: Yoni; May 24: Rose

3. **Discussion Items:**
 - **New Paltz Apartments:** the SEQR process for annexation to the Village is underway. There is also a planned subdivision to retain current residences; those parcels will stay in the Town but the housing complex is planned for the Village portion.
 - **Horsenden Road Excavation:** there was a discussion regarding Ulster County's extensive tree work and grading on Horsenden Road.
 - **Wetlands Law brochure:** Nothing to report.
 - **Village EPB update:** Ted provided a synopsis of the Village EPB's last meeting. The EPB is now at full membership with the addition of Jonathan Koen. May 29 will be a planting day for the pollinator project. They are looking at a leaf blower ordinance but waiting to see what may be done on the state level. The single-hauler contract is in year 3 of 5 and the EPB will be looking at that as well.
 - **Climate Smart update:** Nothing to report.
 - **NRI Project update:** The NRI has a positive response from the Town and Village Boards.
4. **Announcements:** The RFP is out for the Town solar project on the landfill.
5. **Adjourn** Yoni moved, Rose 2nd to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.