**Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board Meeting**

July 22, 2020

Held via Zoom

**Participants:** Ingrid Haeckel, Kenji Tierney, Ted Nitza, Hope Nitza, Rose Rudnitski, Rich Whitney, Susan Stessin (joined 7:40pm)

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

**Public Comment:** none

**Tree Permit Application:** 4 Schreiber Lane. Several members were able to drive by and view the tree, which is visibly dying and located next to the driveway, approximately 50 ft from center line of road. Vote to approve the tree removal permit with recommendation to replant a native tree, hardy to climate change: 6-0 (Susan absent).

Ingrid will follow up with Janelle Peotter about list of climate-adaptive trees for planting recommendations.

Question about trees recently cut behind Fleet Garage – since located in the Village, it would be under purview of Shade Tree Commission.

**TransHudson Project:** Review of draft letter to the Town Board. The Planning Board voted 4-2 in favor of approving a Design Guidelines waiver to allow a drive-thru restaurant. Because it was not unanimous, the decision now goes to the Town Board. Ingrid will check with Neil when they will be discussing it, and someone from EnCB will read the letter. The board agreed to revise the letter to add a reference to the applicant’s cover letter making reference to the Thruway exit location as a driver for the food/beverage business. EnCB is concerned that a drive-thru will encourage use of the restaurant as a highway rest-stop, exacerbating traffic impacts and vehicle emissions.

Vote to approve the letter to the Town Board passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ingrid Haeckel.