**Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board**

**October 6, 2020, 7:30pm**

Meeting held via teleconference and livestreamed.

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:  Ingrid Haeckel, Amanda Gotto, Susan Stessin-Cohn, Hope Nitza, Kenji Tierney, Ted Nitza, Rose Rudnitski, Rich Whitney**

**Ingrid called meeting to order at 7:35**

**Public Comment: None**

**Approval of Minutes for September 9:** Susan offered a motion to approve the minutes. Ingrid asked if anyone had any corrections. None were offered. All voted in favor of minutes.

Ingrid changed the agenda to have the ZBA discussion item moved up.

**Planning Board:**

* PB Liaison schedule. Ingrid brought up the topic of confirming the next several dates. The following resulted:
* October 26: TTN volunteered
* November 9: Susan volunteered

**Discussion Items:**

Rose and Rich joined the meeting at approximately 7:45

* Draft ZBA Appeal.
  + Submission regarding “substantial vegetated natural buffer” determination by Building Inspector
  + Ingrid offered background regarding the 30’ Thruway buffer issue and the decision by the Building Inspector to allow a paved trail in the buffer:
    - The only remaining option is to appeal the determination to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ingrid confirmed the EnCB has “standing.”
  + Ted asked about legal representation; Ingrid indicated EnCB would be representing ourselves
  + Ingrid shared the draft letter of appeal
  + After reviewing the letter, Ingrid asked if there was anything else the EnCB would like to add to the letter. Nothing was offered.
  + Rose made a motion to approve the letter. Rich seconded. Ingrid, Hope, Kenji, and Ted were in favor. Susan abstained.
* Sporting Clays Wetlands Mitigation
  + Ingrid indicated they withdrew their application
  + Inrgid and Amanda discussed the town code and enforcement regarding this issue
  + Ingrid indicated the next step is a compliance order from the building inspector
  + Amanda asked if Ingrid can ask the Wetlands Inspector if he has been asked to weigh in on this topic
  + Ingrid volunteered to seek clarity on the process for enforcing mitigation
* Village EPB update (Ted)
  + Ted gave an update
    - Normal meeting is next week
    - Rachel left the EPB to go to the Village Planning Board
    - Due to Rachel’s departure, EPB has a vacancy
    - Lalo group update: nothing further at this time
    - New Stewart’s gas station: new traffic light still waiting until 2021
  + Amanda added: Lalo project is at preconceptual stage with Ulster County
  + Ingrid asked if paint swap is still open. Ted was not aware of its current status; will check and get back to the board
* Climate Smart update (Janelle):
  + Janelle not in attendance
  + Amanda offered an update
    - 100 year floodway update under development; draft expected by end of October. Presentation scheduled for November 4th joint TB/VB meeting.
    - Climate Smart Task Force continues to meet on monthly basis
    - Meeting with Mid-Hudson working group for solar canopies set for Oct. 8th at 11am.
    - NRI is proceeding, next meeting will be in November
* Community Preservation update (Ingrid)
  + - Campaign is moving along
    - Metzger campaign is helping this effort
    - Phone banking times are being established
    - Facebook page setup
* Critical Environmental Areas update
  + No new progress

**EnCB Projects: These topics were not discussed**

* Wetlands Law brochure
* Tree Law review

**Announcements: None**

**Ted offered Motion to adjourn. Kenji seconded. All voted in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:56**

*Minutes prepared by Hope Nitza*