

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
Minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2021

New Paltz Community Center, 3 Veteran's Drive and via Zoom

Present: Ted Nitza, Rose Rudnitski, Yoni Schwartz, Susan Stessin, Kenji Tierney, Rich Whitney

Amanda Gotto, Planning Board Liaison
Kathy Preston, Secretary

Absent: Janelle Peotter, Climate Smart Liaison; Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Town Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm.

1. Hope is now in college; Ted has reached out to the High School and SUNY in search of volunteers.
2. It was agreed that meetings should run no later than 9:00 pm.
3. Ted moved, Rose 2nd to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes as written. All in favor.
4. Planning Board Meeting attendance was assigned as follows: 9/27, Yoni; 10/4, Rose; 10/25, Susan.
5. The Board reviewed the August 23 Planning Board meeting.
 - The Homeland Towers findings statement has been posted on the website. It was noted that the property owner is not the applicant. Many EnCB recommendations are being incorporated into the plan.
 - A lot line revision proposed for Colton Lane would be better suited to combine the lots; the process will likely begin in January.
 - There will be a public hearing on 9/27 to discuss a proposed subdivision on Gatehouse Road. It is the general consensus of the Board that the wetlands should be delineated.
 - The Mountain Rest Road project was reviewed; there are still many issues and it's unclear when this will be coming back to the Planning Board.
 - There was a discussion of process and procedure regarding the New Paltz Apartments . Once the scoping document is received there will be more opportunities for input.
6. Climate Smart update:
 - Janelle has tiffins available at wholesale and is still trying to connect with local restaurants to make this initiative happen.
 - An EV gathering will take place on Saturday, October 2nd from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, starting at the Plaza Diner.
 - An NRI training session with consultant Nate Nardi-Cyrus will be taking place in October; Amanda will have more information once the date is confirmed.
7. Yoni moved, Susan 2nd to approve the tree removal permit for 51 Old Rt. 299

Ted moved, Rose 2nd to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.