**Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board**

**Minutes for the meeting**

**November 11, 2020, 7:30pm**

This meeting was held via teleconference and livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/DCd-kRX2N-E>

\*PLEASE NOTE: Based on the New York State Governor’s executive order Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency, the Town of New Paltz closed in-person access to meetings and authorizing that meetings be held remotely by conference call or similar service until further notice. Persons wishing to provide public comment can email encb@townofnewpaltz.org and the comments will be entered into the minutes.

*Video/audio of the first portion of the meeting was not captured.*

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm.

**Minutes**

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

**Public Comment:**None

**Approval of Minutes for October 6:** Minutes were approved 8-0

**Planning Board:**

* Homeland Towers
	+ Balloon test rescheduled for Nov 18th.
* Vegetated buffer appeal
	+ Ingrid is scheduled to appear before the ZBA on November 17th (This was later postponed to December 9th).
* Sporting Clays wetlands mitigation status
	+ Ingrid has coordinated with Stacy and Town Board and Planning Board liaisons to schedule a meeting for Dec. 17th to discuss how to proceed with mitigation of this violation.
* PB Liaison schedule:

Nov 23- Rich Whitney

Dec 14- Susan Stessin-Cohn

**Discussion Items:**

*Audio records were available from here to the rest of the meeting.*

* Floodplain Mapping Presentation

Janelle and Amanda gave an update

A video was provided

Ingrid asked about policy implications

Ted discussed waste water treatment plants

The report authors will share the GIS report data with the EnCB

Amanda reminded everyone that the study was done for free

* NRI project update

Amanda provided update

Draft NRI report and 2nd draft maps are available for review.

The deadline for comments is November 20th

Reminded that volunteer hours are still needed as part of the grant obligation

Ted suggested asking the author firm for volunteer hours

* Critical Environmental Areas proposal

Proposal back on the agenda for the Dec. 3 Town Board meeting

Ingrid gave an update

Noted that she would have a guest speaker, Michael Dupree – Town of Hyde Park Planning Board Chair.

* Henry W. Dubois bike/ped project - <https://walkbikehwd.weebly.com/>

Ingrid asked for a volunteer liaison to this project from the EnCB

Ted volunteered to be the liaison and draft comments.

Janelle noted the deadline of November 25th

* Community Preservation Fund update

Ingrid noted that the fund was approved in the election

She noted that there is a lot of work that needs to be done before it can be effective

Kenji asked how much money it is expected to generate per year; Ingrid stated the estimate is $180,000 a year

The new advisory board will be appointed in January.

* Village EPB update

Ted provided an update

2 proposed residential houses on Millbrook road

Nothing additional has been proposed on the North Chestnut Main street auto site redevelopment

New Stewarts transportation plan- still waiting on timing for traffic light installation

No more news regarding the proposed “Pit” project by the Lalo Group

2 interns soon to start for EPB, could help EnCB also

The plastic bag ordinance is starting to be enforced

Single hauler trash continues to be monitored, benefits

Bee City is now an eco-scaping effort in front of the Village Hall; meeting on the 14th of November for planning what to do

Raw water source protection- next meeting is November 12th

Next meeting is the 8th of December

* Climate Smart update

Janelle provided an update

Monthly Climate Smart task force meetings continue to be held

*Kiss the Ground* is the book of the month for the book club

* Bee City update – Nov 14 meeting

Rose provided an update

**EnCB Projects: were not discussed**

* Wetlands Law brochure
* Tree Law review

**Announcements:**

Amanda noted that there will be another balloon test for the Jansen road cell tower project on November 18th

Ingrid noted that the EnCB annual report will be due soon. She requested that anyone send her information to include

**Ted moved to adjourn. Kenji seconded. All voted in favor**

**Meeting ended 9:30pm**

***Minutes prepared by Hope Nitza***