**Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board**

**September 9, 2020, 7:30pm**

This meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference.

Meeting ID: 833 2471 6819

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**Minutes**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:33

**Public Comment:**none

**Approval of Minutes for July 8 and July 22:**

Ted offered a motion to approve the minutes for July 8 and July 22 as amended verbally by Ingrid. Second by Rich. No further discussion. All members approved.

**Tree Permits:**

* 49 N. Mannheim:

Topic was discussed.

Ted offered a motion to deny application. No second.

Rich offered a motion to approve the application with a recommendation to prune the Northern tree instead of cutting it down. No second.

Jonathan offered a motion to recommend approval of the application and suggest that the applicant reconsider cutting the trees down and considering pruning them and if pruning is not possible, then strongly suggest replacement plantings. Second by Susan. Ingrid, Hope, Rich, Susan, Jonathan, Kenji vote to approve the motion. Rose abstains. Ted opposes motion.

Inrid suggested a subcommittee to follow up on the tree cutting permitting process. Kenji and Jonathan volunteered. Ingrid to assist with the effort.

**Planning Board Referrals:**

* Heppolette/Rose Ln

Topic was discussed. Ingrid to draft a letter to the planning board and circulate it to the EnCB members.

* PB Liaison schedule: Sept. 14 and 30, Oct 26:

September 14: Rich

September 30: Rose and Susan

October 13: Jonathan

October 26: Ingrid

Sporting Clays was discussed by Ingrid. No action was taken.

**Discussion Items:**

* NRI map review

 Maps were reviewed and discussed. No action was taken.

* Community Preservation update (Ingrid)

 Ingrid gave an update. No action was taken.

* Village EPB update (Ted)

 Ted gave his update. No action was taken.

* Climate Smart update (Janelle)

 Janelle gave an update.

* Wetlands Law brochure

 Ingrid described the topic. Ted volunteered to assist.

**Announcements:**

Hudson River Watershed Alliance series underway.

Update: Critical Environmental Areas. Ingrid provided an update. No action was taken.

Ingrid is interested in stepping down as Chair at the end of the year.

Jonathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ted seconded. Motion approved.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:26**

*Minutes prepared by Hope Nitza*