



Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board Annual Report of Activities 2022

Members: Richard Whitney (Chair), Rose Rudnitski, Jonathan Schwartz (resigned May), Kenji Tierney, Ted Nitza, Chris Beadle (resigned October), Rob Ferri

Liaisons: Julie Seyfert-Lillis (Town Board), Amanda Gotto (Planning Board), Janelle Peotter (Climate Smart)

Much of the disruption from the response to COVID-19 that occurred in 2020 and 2021 remained during the first 9 months of 2022. Meetings were held remotely via Zoom from January through September. In-person meeting resumed in October.

Project Reviews

The EnCB reviewed all submissions by the planning board and provided written comments when warranted. Sent liaisons to bi-monthly Planning Board meetings as needed.

- Henry W Dubios bike lane project and presentation from Alta Planning
- HVCU project and presentation from LaBella Associates
- Viking Industries expansion
- 51 Horsenden Rd proposed subdivision
- 350 North Ohioville Rd proposed subdivision

The EnCB did not attend any site visits in 2022

Chapter 130 – Tree Law

EnCB approved two tree permits in 2022

100 Plains Road – approved with recommendation to replant native trees

51 Old Rte 299 – approved with no comments

Environmental Policy

The EnCB supported New York State Senate Bill S-7891, legislation that will define and legalize advanced recycling, which is a heat based, non-incinerating, recycling process for plastics.

Natural Resource Inventory

Is on the town website and continues to be a valuable resource for the EnCB, and anyone looking to learn more about New Paltz's natural resources.

Additional Activities

EnCB reduced the size of the board to a 7 member board

Maintained GIS software and data on the Town B-fund Laptop

Received approval for renewal of a low-cost (\$100) GIS license from ESRI's Conservation Program

Representation on other Committees

Rob Ferri represents the Town on the Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Ted Nitza Chairs the Village of New Paltz Environmental Policy Board

Ted Nitza and Janelle Peotter are part of the Ad Hoc committee for Solar on the town landfill

Janelle Peotter is the Climate Smart Coordinator for the Town and Village of New Paltz, a member of the New Paltz Bicycle Pedestrian Committee, is a board member of the Climate Action Committee, and is the Chair for the New Paltz Climate Smart Task Force

Annual Report to be approved on February 1, 2023 meeting

Respectfully Submitted to the Town Board and NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos

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