

**Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of May 15, 2023**  
**7:30pm**  
**Town of New Paltz Community Center**

**I. Introduction**

Present: Rich Whitney, Rose Rudnitski, Robert Ferri, Ted Nitza, Haley Nechamkin, Lyle Nolan, Kenji Tierney

- Meeting called to order: 7:37pm
- Amendment of April minutes- revisions needed
- Rich motions to accept minutes. Rose seconds.

**II. Planning Board Meeting Assistance (An EnCB Member Attends)**

- May 22nd- Rich can attend
- June 12th- Rose can attend
- June 26th- Ted can attend

**III. Town Projects under Review by the Planning Board**

- 1 Mare's Trail- Wetlands permit sent to county
  - Encroachment on a wetland buffer; recommendation to move house closer to the road.
  - Rich motions to write a letter in support of the wetlands inspector's report on minimizing impact on wetlands. Rob seconds. Motion passed.
- Rappa seems to be a done deal
- 7 Watch Hill Rd- the plans need to be improved and clarified
  - Accessory apartment, asking for short-term environmental form
  - Recommending a dye test because of old septic

**IV. Other Groups of Interest to the EnCB**

- Ulster County Environmental Management Council Meeting
  - Hudson Valley Watershed Alliance presented- they want more people to be involved
  - New Paltz is part of the estuary
  - Hudson Valley Regional Council also presented- trying to get more communities to get involved in Climate Start

- Ulster County Environmental Management Council
  - Holding an event to discuss hazards in the community at Rosendale Community Center 5/17 from 6-8; they want to put a hazard mitigation plan into effect
- Survey being done for Hazard Mitigation Plan- want to know about problem areas/hazards in each town, which will be put into a database. The deadline to submit *evaluated* hazards is May 26th.
- Zoning ordinance for electric vehicles in New Paltz- getting ready to be sent to the Zoning Board, Planning Board, etc. to gauge interest
- Ted- Village Update
  - Moxy Cupcake project turning into a proposed hotel- environmental footprint is the same
  - Cat cafe is still planned to go ahead
  - Planning board and ZBA have new attorneys
  - H.W. Dubois work started for Empire State Trail- trees have been taken down

**V. New Business**

- None

**VI. Old Business**

- None

**VII. Conclusion**

- Ted moves and Rich seconds to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

**Reminders:**

**The Next Meeting is the 19th of June at 7:30pm at the Community Center**

**The Next Next Meeting is the 17th of July at 7:30pm at the Community Center**