

Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board
Minutes of the Meeting of November 20, 2023
7:30pm
Town of New Paltz Community Center

I. Introduction:

Present: Rich Whitney, Robert Ferri, Ted Nitza, Lyle Nolan, Kenji Tierney

- Meeting called to order: 7:35pm.
- Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2023: Ted moves to approve, Rob seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Public Comment, Amanda Gotto: Spoke about the New Paltz Apartments draft EIS and suggested the EnCB voice their opinion at the next Village Planning Board Meeting. She noted that the town and village codes differ on things like wetland buffers and parking requirements.

II. Planning Board Meetings:

- December 11th: Rob will attend
- Planning Board Update:
 - Lyle said Rose read our sporting clays letter and the Planning Board agreed with our recommendations. The issue is now with the Town Boards as Mid Hudson Sporting Clays has stated they will not comply. There will be a presentation at the next Planning Board Meeting (11/27/23) for the Northeastern Overlay District. Rose Lane replanting looks good. There is a 3 lot subdivision on Rose Lane that is being applied for that will need to be discussed.

III. Discussion Items:

- EnCB will draft a letter for the New Paltz Apartments project. Rich motions, Ted seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Sporting Clays is in the hands of the Town Board, and all hope that the TB will enforce the recommendations of the EnCB and Planning Board.
- Rose Lane replanting looks good. Good to see this, as the EnCB wrote many letters advocating for the replanting and remediation of vegetation of the steep slopes.

IV. Other Groups of Interest to the EnCB:

- Ulster County Environmental Commission Update:
 - Rob gave a report - the county is forming a Storm Water Commission. There is a 4 hour DEC Storm Water Protection Program course being offered at SUNY Ulster. The county has a Sustainable Purchasing Policy. Climate Smart communities map being updated to include the new certified communities of Olive, Rosendale, and Shandaken.
- Village EPB Update:
 - Ted stated that the EPB is still looking for one more additional member. New Paltz Apartments was discussed at their last meeting. EPB is drafting a letter regarding the draft EIS for New Paltz Apartments.
 - Bike path on Henry W Dubois Drive is out to bid.
 - The birds and the bees inventory for the Solar Landfill project was presented at the Solar Symposium in Norfolk, VA.

V. New Business

- Rob attended a Riparian meeting, more boat launches are needed on the Wallkill River. Rob asked if Clearwater Park had hiking trails that were open to the public.

VI. Old Business

- None.

VII. Conclusion

- Rob moves, Ted seconds to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.