

Town of Germantown
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Committee.
Zoom

April 12, 2021

Members in attendance: Jen Crawford, Martin Overington, Barbara Hughey, Jan Borchert, Karen Targove, Christina Bohnsack, Jo Hills, observers Kaare Christian and Jess Kuonen.

Location: Virtual Zoom

Meeting Minutes prepared by Jo Hills

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to accept the minutes with minor corrections made by Jan Borchert, seconded by Barbara Hughey, all in favor.

RFP Proposals

We received 10 proposals and interviews begin this week. Selection date: May 11. Discussion followed about range of applicants, range of fees, and process of selection.

Website

Borchert brought up the possibility of a website. Could be an outreach project. Climate Smart Community is setting up a website "Germantown Resilience" and perhaps we could join up with them.

Current Events

Flyers for Fishermen — Marina Gutierrez, a Germantown resident will be distributing her own pamphlet to fishermen in order to inform them of the fences and how they will cut off the river to fishermen..

Riversweep — May 1, minor cleanup and perhaps erosion repair at Ice House Landing

Roe Jan Boat Club's Annual Canoe Race — Sunday, 4/25.

WAC and CSC are applying for Estuary Grants for planning/designing at Lasher Park including securing its shoreline. The shoreline is disappearing. DEC does not permit filling back In lost shoreline. Deadline: June 2

Water Chestnut Day — mid June

Riverkeeper — Rebecca Martin, Director of Community Partnerships, reached out to pull the communities with similar issues together.

AMTRAK putting in new rails.

Tugboat and barge operator in Troy wants to put a mooring off the Germantown shoreline for barges transporting sand and gravel for Colarusso in Hudson. just south of Lasher Park and out into the water. There is a natural channel there (at least 20 feet deep) and the current is not as strong on the east side. Could be 3 twelve-foot tall loaded barges at a time. How does this affect use of the dock at the Park, the small boaters, the kayakers, the paddleboarders? This type of project is permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Safety Committee is accepting comments until the end of April. Our State congressmen and representatives are getting involved.

Motion to adjourn at by Targove, seconded by Bohnsack, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04