

## **Germantown Waterfront Meeting Notes**

**Date: June 8th, 2020**

Zoom Meeting, recorded by Christina

In Attendance: Christina, Kaare, Martin, Donald, Billy, Jo, Tracy

### **Benchmarking - Clean Energy Community Grant**

- Donald is working with Austin to start capturing data from National Grid on what clean energy the Germantown Town Buildings are using. Interested to find out what the meter is currently capturing vs what it could be capturing. Would like to get to a point where these monthly readings are automated.
- Donald to send information he already gathered on the meter to Martin.
- Town Buildings must be 1,000 ft or more to be included in the reporting (so only 4 or 5 structures qualify).
- Kaare would be interested to know how far we are from being energy neutral.
- If Grant moves forward -- would also need to gather data on propane, fuel oil use, etc.... Won't focus on this unless we know what is happening with the Grant.

### **Water Chestnuts Clean-up - Saturday, June 20th at 9am**

- Low tide is at 9:40am, so aim to be by the dock at Cheviot around 9am so everyone can begin working at low tide. Shouldn't take more than an hour or two.
- Kaare or Christina will let the Town know that this clean-up is planned by the Waterfront and we will maintain safe social distancing practices. Not opening it up to the public to ensure a gathering of less than 10 people.
- Martin will dig up the list of suggested supplies to bring (garden rake?) and send along to the group.

### **Waterfront Bank Account**

- All the Waterfront Funds were transferred to the Parks Commission Bank Account, but now Rob would like to open up a Waterfront Bank Account under the Town's Bank Account.
- Jo will be reaching out to Janet to set up a Town Bank Account, and Amy to withdraw what was placed into the Parks Account.

## **Amtrak / Scenic Hudson Update**

- Jeff Anzevino from Scenic Hudson sent the email regarding which of the 60 sites listed under the Waterfront Access Plan they are planning to advocate for -- Germantown being one of them.

Unrelated :

- There is a new memorial Dogwood tree at Cheviot for Doug Dodge (Liz's dad)!
- Christina and Austin met down at Cheviot and discussed the vision for what the Waterfront is hoping to accomplish with the Park. Suggested that as soon as we are able -- we should set up a meeting between the Town, Parks, Waterfront to discuss how we can begin making the vision a reality (i.e. kiosk, new trees, cleaning up x,y,z).
- Jo brought up the issue of cars speeding down the road during fishing season and the possibility of putting in temporary speed bumps. Suggested she write up a letter, get neighbors to sign, and present to the Town Board so they can get the highway department involved.

## **Osprey Platform**

- Interest has returned regarding an Osprey Platform at Anchorage. It would need to be about 30 ft from the shore (shallow water) and 8/10ft tall?
- Martin looking into the option of a Nest Camera -- there is already wifi down there for the River Camera... would need power. Not sure if GTel could set pole?

## **COVID-19 -- what does this summer look like for Waterfront?**

- Consensus that it is easier to maintain safe social distancing practices outside -- so we should be able to still focus on a few of our Waterfront goals this summer. Question being what are the priorities and what seems feasible....

## **Focus for Summer :**

- **Water Chestnuts Cleanup** (*continuing to fundraise for equipment to help clear*)
- **Cheviot Park : Kiosk, Trees, General Clean-up**
- **Sustainable Shoreline** (*Jo researching shrubs and grasses to stabilize the shoreline*)
- **Grants for Kayak Rack?**