

Town of Germantown
Local Waterfront Revitalization Committee
Zoom Meeting
February 8, 2021

Members in attendance: Jen Crawford, Karen Targove, Jan Borchert, Martin Overington, Christina Bohnsack, Barbara Hughey, Billy Shannon, Jo Hills and public observers Kaare Christian and Thomas Shannon

Minutes prepared by Jo Hills.

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the January meeting reviewed. Motion to accept the corrected minutes made by Martin Overington, seconded by Karen Targove, all approved.

Project Initiation Meeting (Task 1) with Lisa Vasilakos

Jen Crawford, Jan Borchert, Barbara Hughey and Lisa Vasilakos met on Zoom on 1/20/2021 to discuss our plans and answer questions. Hills took notes. Discussion included community outreach, ADA requirements, minority communities, SEQR (New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act) requirements, as well as notification about Amtrak and the New York State Coastal Management Program activities which might impact our waterfront. Vasilakos will research some of our questions and get back to us. Crawford invited her to attend our monthly meetings. Our first status report is due early July and should include work from January 1 - June 30, 2021.

Borchert will write up the necessary paperwork from this Initiation Meeting (Task 1) which will include all agreements made up until now.

Borchert asked if the town might be able to get funding for a natural resources inventory of the entire town, not just the area included in the waterfront plan. Kaare Christian thought this project would most likely fall under the Climate Smart Community Task Force. CSC chairperson Christina Bohnsack agreed to look into this.

RFP

Crawford will be sending out the RFP on February 9 (tomorrow). We have a list of consultants who are interested. We discussed ways to conduct outreach to W/MBE firms. Deadline for bidders is 3/26. Deadline for our selection is 5/11. Anticipated project start date is 6/14. We now have to create an interview committee to evaluate the proposals. Hughey, Christian and Overington agreed to work on certain parts of the work. Borchert will step in if needed. Crawford will also like some non-committee members and a Town Board member.

We are not to open any emails from prospective consultants until the opening day, which is March 26 at 11am

Community Outreach Plan

Add your name if you are not already on it. Check the outreach tracker if you haven't already.

Planning Board Chairman Tim Otty wanted to know if our waterfront could be designated as a Critical Environmental Area. Hughey will look into this.

We reviewed and expanded our outreach list. Continue to add people in town who might want to be added to the list.

Current events

Overington will be co-chair of WAC in 2021.

Tom Shannon, Overington and Art Cady are researching if we do have claim to the ROW. Shannon gave a report of what has been discovered so far.

May 1 — Riversweep

Weed pulling — a date will be set in the spring

Climate Smart has first meeting with Cornell Cooperative Extension on the ninth.

Christian was on John Bowermaster's Green Radio, Radio Kingston

Next kiosk will be in Roe Jan. Bohnsack asked for small fix-ups such in the park. Next parks meeting is March 3.

Motion to adjourn by Overington, seconded by Hughey, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02