

Minutes  
Waterfront Advisory Committee  
Zoom  
December 7, 2020

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Attending: Christina Bohnsack, Billy Shannon, Donald Dubac, Martin Overington, Kaare Christian, Tracy Martin, Jo Hills

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Chairman Christina Bohnsack

### **Announcements**

Tracy Martin announced that tote bags and ornament kits are for sale at Otto's, and she will post a sign for donations.

Bohnsack will tell Jeff Anzevino at Scenic Hudson about Amtrak's new blocking of access in Hudson.

Martin Overington reported on people walking down the river during a very low tide and how they were walking in two feet of water before they got back to shore.

Motion to accept the November meeting minutes as written made by Billy Shannon, seconded by Overington, and all approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Germantown Neighborhood Association Grant**

Discussion on reply to donation questions on Ice House Landing, sustaining shoreline at Lasher, new trees at Cheviot and Amtrak. Kaare Christian will check on remaining information to be found:

1. cost of 12 foot trees (check with Peter Cichetti, 2. cost of similar shoreline stabilization (check with Coxsackie and Emillie Hauser.)

## **Finances**

Jo Hills will check with Janet Crawford about our financials.

## **VISION FOR NEXT YEAR**

### **Climate Smart Committees**

Will be discussed at next Town Board Meeting. Bohnsack and T. Martin and ten other people with related knowledge expressed interest in joining the committee and Bohnsack expressed interest in heading the committee. Christian reported that a representative of the local government must be on the committee. Donald Dubac is willing to get someone up to speed on the Clean Energy grant work and said that if we donated our solar system to “some worthy cause” we would be able to coordinate with National Grid. Grant will be announced on January 12.

Shannon suggested we become an ad hoc committee that meets as needed and resume once Amtrak is once more an issue. Bohnsack thought for instance that the kiosks could be handled by its own committee. Christian reiterated our projects. Overington agreed that we have many important projects and he would be willing to take over leadership of the WAC for 2021.

### **Lasher Park Redesign**

Make this our 2021 main focus? Thoughts: T. Martin could handle fundraising. Bohnsack could continue kiosk coordination. We will work out details next year including who will manage what. Make this the main focus for GNA fund?

### **Short Term Projects**

Riversweep, water chestnut cleanup, Clean Energy grant, kiosks, shoreline stabilization, flagpoles, Cheviot trees

### **Meetings**

Move them up to last Monday in the month so that there is more time before WAC meetings and Town Board meetings?

### **Reinstatement**

Prepare a letter for Town Board of our 2021 plans and budget.

Next meeting January 18, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:23.