

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom
April 5, 2021

Attending: Christina Bohnsack, Donald Dubac, Martin Overington, Kaare Christian and public observers Arthur Cady, Rose Wax and Marina Gutierrez.

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:01.

The minutes were reviewed. Donald Dubac made a motion to accept, seconded by Kaare Christian, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Ash Trees at Cheviot

Christian reported that the Germantown Neighborhood Association is ready to pass funds over to us. The ash trees are brittle and can be dangerous and will be cut asap.. Christian will check with Barbara Hughey for input on placement of new trees.

Kiosks

Work has started on content and design for the kiosk at Roe Jan Park. Coordinating this with the Roe Jan Watershed group. Park Kiosk Meeting set for April 14. Bill Tillou will start on Cheviot as soon as he can.

Lasher Redo

Town Board members will join Overington at the Park to look at the plan and discuss it at the next Town Meeting.

Ice House Erosion

Overington suggested we place rocks along the shoreline to block the waves from the north during Riversweep. Arthur Cady suggested using rocks left by Amtrak

New Business

New tar or blacktop spread on Cheviot — not very good to be by the river. The ROW is rutty and ruff.

Spraying

Perhaps can we put up signs where we don't want them to spray? Marina Gutierrez reported heavy spraying at Lower Main Street. Discussion of a possible Critical Environmental Area between the river and Woods Road.

Railroad Property Deeds

Rebecca Martin, Director of Community Partnerships at Riverkeeper contacted Bohnsack about collaboration by Germantown and the other the towns that are being affected affected by Amtrak's proposals. Several other possible contacts put forward for help on understanding river access land ownership were Hudsonia, the Young Farmer's Coalition, the Chason Group and Judith Enck.

OLD BUSINESS

Flyers for Fisherman

Gutierrez proposed informing fisherman that they may no longer be able to fish along the river. She will act independently to educate, collect contacts for the future, and encourage letters of interest to the NY Department of State.

Estuary Grants for Lasher

WAC will propose a grant to plan a sustainable shoreline at the northern part of Lasher Park.

Park Memorials

WAC will consider advising on town guidelines for residents who want to plant a tree or put up a plaque as a memorial for a family member or pet.

Dollar General Landfill Remediation

Confusion of whether the landfill is or is not contaminated and where it can be moved and how. Will it wash into the river? DEC is working with property owner and the town.

Upcoming Events

May 1, Riversweep with a separate group for ice House Landing

Mid June — Water chestnut cleanup

The next meeting will be Monday May 3.

Motion to adjourn by Overington, seconded by Chistian, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.