

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom

June 7, 2021

Christina Bohnsack, Donald Dubac, Kaare Christian, Doris Dubac, Martin Overington, Tracy Martin, Eliabeth Bathrick, Jo Hills and public observer Mike Brown

Christina Bohnsack called the meeting to order at 7:03

May Minutes — Martin Overington made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Donald Dubac, all in favor, minutes accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Germantown Neighborhood Association

No update.

Kiosk

Cheviot Kiosk is up, it is awaiting a roof ridge cap and a bench and the enclosed bulletin board. Next will be Roe Jan Park and we are hoping for a Greenway Grant in September. Next kiosk meeting is on July 7 at 6:30.

Spraying

Spraying of weed killer along the edge of the river side of the track at either side of the crossing. Not noticed anywhere else.

Barge Mooring

Not on the agenda for next Town Board Meeting but Kaare Christian will bring it up. Riverkeeper will no longer be supporting our no-mooring mission. Barge traffic will still be very close to Lasher Park. WAC will distribute Carol Neville's fact sheet. WAC will encourage letters from our community outreach list and individuals. Christian is meeting with Didi Barrett or her representative.

Railroad Property Deeds

No movement on this. Bohnsack will get this going again in the fall.

Grants

We didn't apply for Estuary Grants, but we did apply for grant for a design plan for Lasher Park through Cornell University's Department of Landscape Architecture and we should hear back on this in June.

Memorials in the Parks – Trees and Plaques

Doris Dubac composed a letter which will be sent to Town Board proposing that the town create a Memorial Tree and Plaque Program.

Tote Bags

Have 50 bags left. Jo Hills suggested that the town airbnb's sell tote bags.

Water Chestnut Picking

Saturday, July 12, 9:30 to 12.

Mike Brown

New resident with conservation interests and experience and who has dealt with Amtrak in the Pacific Northwestern on their use of herbicides. Did convince them to abandon some spraying and replacement with manual removal of weeds. Knows Riverkeeper people

Amtrak Accident

Man fell from a trestle bridge while fishing and died. Times Union interviewed Bohsack.

Ice House Landing Cleanup

Overington and the scouts cleared up Roe Jan campsites. If we have teens working at Ice House we will need some liability sign off. Thursday, July 15.

Lasher Park

Base of the flag pole has been installed and the pole will go in this week. The building will be auctioned off.

Hills moved that we adjourn the meeting, Tracy Martin seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00

Next meeting July 5th, 7 o'clock on Zoom.