

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom

November 1, 2021

Attending: Martin Overington, Christina Bohnsack, Donald Dubac, Doris Dubac, Kaare Christian, Tracy Martin, Jo Hills and town observers Bethe Myers, Michael Brown, Rose Wax and Donald Westmore

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:05

October Minutes — Doris Dubac made a motion to accept the minutes with minor corrections, seconded by Donald Dubac, all in favor, minutes accepted. Jo Hills will send monthly minutes not on the town website to Austin Sullivan.

OLD BUSINESS

Barges

Letters — Kaare Christian has not heard that there has been any additional extension beyond the five day extension to letter writing period.

Barges@lasherparkcc received 188 letters. This number does not include letters written by the Town and people who saw Melora Kuhn's posted notices Scenic Hudson sent a late, long strong letter opposing the barges focusing on Olana and legal issues. Jan Borchert and others, wrote detailed letters with facts and figures. Christian will do a Freedom of Information query to learn of the letters we do not know about. WAC did not send a letter.

Time Line for Ruling — Army Corps will send the letters to the applicant and the applicant has to respond to specific raised points. This will take several months.

Ice House Landing Cleanup

Thank you to all

Other Ongoing Projects

Greenway Grant

Kiosks

Germantown Neighborhood Association

Donald Westmore is catching up on the work of the GNA and the money set aside for the WAC. We were sorry to hear of the death of former head of the GNA Dorothy Moontgomery.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Chestnut Machine

Arthur Schiff is anxious to move ahead with raising money for cleaning up the water chestnut. His research was presented at the meeting. There is a local company that does the work but it may be more for lakes. Mike Brown suggested we need a Ecoharvester (\$90,000) which rips up the chestnut. Overington showed photos of work done at Lower Main, of the 4 foot wide cutter that cleared the channel and the goes south down towards Cheviot which is used over and over again during the season. The blades and the motor at the back of the boat have to be cleared every 50 feet. Overington then showed a larger machine called Hockney HP-7 (8 feet wide goes on front of boat — Cost \$10,500), a Hockney HP10 - \$? Esopus has a \$143K Harvester and they also have to do several swipes during the season. These photos may be seen on the zoom meeting recording.

Could we do this regionally, a Columbia County program? Brown and Martin offered to work on this.

Next Meeting

December 6, 2021

Motion to end meeting made by Overington, seconded by Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53.