

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom
April 4, 2022

Attending: Martin Overington, Donald Dubac, Doris Dubac, Kaare Christian, town observers Arthur Cady and guest Maddie Feaster, Community Organizer from Scenic Hudson .

Guest Speaker Maddie Feaster

Maddie Feaster introduced us to the proposed Federal Legislation NY/NJ Watershed Protection Pact which would provide watershed grants starting in 2027 for rivers and tributaries in the two states. This would be the first dedicated federal grant money for the Hudson River Watershed, and will be managed by the NY Fish & Wildlife. The money would fund shoreline stabilization, access, habitat restoration, building infrastructure, etc. and invest in currently operating programs. Direct grant process — federal government would provide 75%. Maddie is looking for local government support in the form of town board resolutions and letters to show that this is a needed program. Congressman Paul Tonko is the leading sponsor of this bill. Congressman Antonio Delgado is a co-sponsor of this bill. Feaster will provide examples of both and a fact sheet and bill's text.

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:14.

Minutes — A motion to accept the March minutes with minor changes and additions made by Donald Dubac, seconded by Kaare Christian. All in favor; minutes accepted.

Bank Account: \$2629.16

OLD BUSINESS

Ice House Cleanup

Tom Shannon cleaned up and prepped burn piles for after the burn ban. Lot of litter.

Barges

Nothing new. Waiting for the Army Corps to decide.

Riversweep

Saturday, May 7: Starts at 9AM at Lasher Park

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Office of General Services

1960s Town Highway Map shows a trail from Lower Main Street to Cheviot and Hunterstown Road. Can this trail be revived? Cady wrote a letter to the Office of General Services to get more information on 1). how the state approves grants, and the rules and regulations of these roads and 2). the land under the river, so we understaned who owns what. What rights does CSX have or believe it owns? Shannon has some knowledge of this.

Cady will become a member of the WAC.

Proposed Spring Work

- Riversweep, May 8, 2022
- Cheviot Water Chestnut Cleanup — Mid June, before Fathers Day

Next meeting Monday, May 2, 2022.

Motion to adjourn made by Doris, seconded by Donald, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.