

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom
May 2, 2022

Attending: Martin Overington, Donald Dubac, Doris Dubac, Jo Hills, town observers and soon to be members Arthur Cady and Tom Shannon.

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:05.

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

Bank Account: \$2629.16

OLD BUSINESS

NY/NJ Watershed Protection Pact

The Town Board and Cornell Cad sent a letters of support.

Roe Jan Boat Race

Tom Shannon gave a report on the race.

Barges

Nothing new.

Spring Activities

Earth Day — our table next to LWRP was popular.

Riversweep — Saturday, May 7: Starts at 9AM at Lasher Park. Boy Scouts will be working with us.

Water Chestnut Update — Jim McNamee of Wedowaterweeds has not returned several phone calls. Overington proposed getting a Hockney HP7 for \$8750 — 8 foot wide — which could be pulled by a 16 foot pontoon boat. A sickle could be used at Main Street. Town would maintain the machine but we would run it.

Cheviot Cleanup — June 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members

Shannon, and Don and Adrienne Westmore will be new members of the committee. Town Board has to approve.

Swimming in the Roe Jan

The “red dye story” of 1978-1979 told by Shannon sets precedent that swimming has been allowed by the Columbia County Board of Health in the Roe since at least that time. Designations “by use” do not disappear according to Arthur Cady.

Town Roads

Cady also reported that he found in a highway department book in the the town’s historical collection that the town had the right to use Young America Road which went all the way to the River.

LWRP

The staff in the consulting group that has been working with Germantown LWRP is changing and a new contract has to be negotiated.

Flood at Lasher

April 8th. Logs came up onto the park. Town cleaned up the parking lot and will do the grassy fields when the ground dries.

AMTRAK

A girl and her dog were both hit and killed by a train near Poet’s Walk. She was running after the dog to get it off the tracks.

Cornell CAD Studio Grant

Kaare Christian send in a grant proposal for a plan for a walkable walkway along the riverfront between Lasher and Cheviot.

Hover Foundation and other Grant/s

Shannon offered to write up a grant from the Hover Foundation for \$30,000 to be used for a machine and a boat for water chestnut removal. Letter of intent due July 1 and the full application due on August 1. Need 3 price quotes.

Shannon also suggested getting a grant for 2 - 3 canoes, rowboats or small sailboats for rental on the since they were so popular at the Earth Day event this year.

Meeting Announcements

Jo Hills will email meeting announcements going forward. Next meeting Monday, June 6, 2022.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.