

Minutes  
Waterfront Advisory Committee  
Zoom  
October 3, 2022

**Attending:** Martin Overington, Donald Dubac, Arthur Cady, Tom Shannon and guest Barbara Hughey

**Guest Speaker Barbara Hughey** — Does not feel that she is not qualified to lead bio-engineering or plantings on a tidal body of water like the Hudson. But she will research. She can do plantings beyond a rip-rap or stone installation. She checked Cheviot Park and was curious about a poplar tree/cottonwood which was struck by lightning and has an ant colony at its base. Tom Shannon believes it should come down before the big storms take it down. Hughey suggests having an arborist look at it because she thinks it may be okay, last for a while, and has a good canopy. Soil is mostly landfill and marginal soil. Five or six trees tops. Mulberries, sycamores (plant at 15 feet, grow to 75 feet?) recommended by Hughey and Shannon. Consider asking James Himelright of Hover Farm who works at Phantom Gardener to care for the trees. Contractors and Hughey will help would have to figure out where you can plant the trees. Memorial trees? Growth within the rip rap — perhaps the native desert false indigo. ERNST Seeds has shoreline protection materials including plants.

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:20.

Minutes — Approved by Shannon, seconded by Donal Dubac.

Bank Account — Friends of the River: \$3010.00 Town account: \$3,926.96 as of July 31, 2022. Has not been updated for several months.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**EIN Number** — Shannon and Overington will discuss it. It is not tax-exempt status. It MAY be out of date..

**Hover Grant** — Accepted and will provide \$2500 for water chestnut abatement — gas money for spring season and cutter rakes for land clearing. Money went to Parks Commission. We had requested \$3500. Thank you Shannon. Overington has applied for another grant for next year.

**Roe Jan Swimming Hole** — The town line according to the LWRP is on the Germantown bank of the Roe Jan. Is the Roe Jan state waters? Still discussion of Swim at Your Own Risk.

**Barges** — Nothing new for region four.

**Pontoon Boat** — Power pack will be replaced.

**Ice House Party** — Rained so very few people. Maybe something late November. did a lot of cleaning up and burning. We need a big machine and dirt to make it smoother and to get to the other side.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Partners for Climate Action**

Overington submitted a proposal for \$5000 to upgrade the pontoon boat by buying a hydraulic lift so that it could more easily handle the cutter.

**Hudson Valley Greenway Grant and Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation Grant Suggestions** Shannon suggested trees of replacement docks (possibly metal ones for Cheviot Park. Or money for trees. Overington suggested shoring up Lasher Park with a grant. Cady suggested constructing a jut out into the river perpendicular to the shore to create beach. Alternating rip rap with beach. But it may not be allowed.

### **In Person or Zoom Meetings**

Discuss next meeting.

### **Parking the Boat**

Overington and Shannon will talk.

Motion to end the meeting by Overington, seconded by Shannon

Meeting adjourned 8:00.

Next meeting November 7 at 7 o'clock.