

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom
December 5, 2022

Attending: Martin Overington, Tom Shannon, Donald Dubac, Arthur Cady, Don Westmore, Kaare Christian, Jude Ray and Jo Hills.

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

Minutes — Edits made to November minutes. The edited minutes will be approved at the January meeting.

Town Account — \$3,927.05

Friends of the River Account — \$38.16.

OLD BUSINESS

Tote Bags

Are for sale at Otto's for \$20.00

Swimming in Germantown

North Twin Lakes in Livingston has “swim at your own risk.” NTL is not an improved shoreline (it has no sand) and has different regulations than we do because our two swimming areas do have beaches. Lake Taghkanic State Park also has “swim at your own risk.” Grass has grown up on our beaches. Does that affect our swimming requirements? We will invite George Weidler, who was involved with setting up swimming at NTL, to a meeting. We should get the Parks Commission involved.

Barges

Nothing new

Trees at Cheviot

Shannon will get in touch with James Halrey at Phantom Gardener and with Barbara Hughey to talk about a dozen trees to divide between Cheviot and Lasher Park. Don Westmore suggested River Birches, which

aren't shade trees, but might be suitable for other purposes. Barbara Hughey had previously suggested mulberries and sycamores.

Roe Jan Boundaries

More discussion on boundaries. Refer back to November minutes for most of the details.

Hover Grant

Spent on boat cover, rakes, and there is still some left. Must write to Town showing how we are spending it.

Partners for Climate Grant

Submitted, we should hear in January. Money will go to water chestnut cleanup.

Weed Cutter Power Pack

Alpha said the pack should be back from repair by spring. It went bad after 3 hours of use.

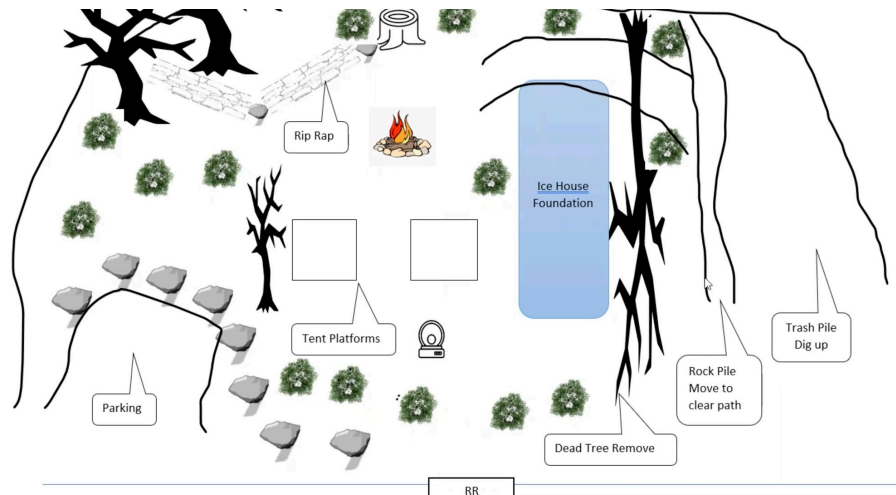
NEW BUSINESS

Fund Raising

Water chestnut tote bags are in. Christina Bohnsack will sell them at her barn sale, and we will sell them at the Germantown town holiday sale on Saturday, December 17. Otto's will sell them throughout the year. They are \$20 a piece.

Ice House Landing

Shannon opened up the landing — cut down sad looking saplings, removed vines, and the footings of the ice house. Overington presented his thoughts for developing the landing which would include history of the landing, tent platforms for kayakers doing the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail, a compost bathroom, more trees, keeping a specimen maple, stabilizing the sand. Boulders would keep cars out of the landing. Recommend listening to the meeting (link on town website.) Cady mentioned that the state own a small part of the and immediately west of the tracks.



Cheviot Landing

Boulders are now in place to keep cars off the park grass. We will be planting grass this spring.

New Email List

Overington will update our email list and check our membership list on the town website. When sending out emails to the town do it as a group not as an individual. Martin will send out new list.

Web Presence and Town Drop Box

We can put up items of interest to the town on gatesgate.org/wac. Christian maintains this. We will ask if we can put our meetings up on the Sustainable Germantown website. We will address both next meeting.

Harbor Management Law

We need to protect swimming at the Roe Jan. Included in LWRS.

Upcoming Grant Possibilities

Bank of Greene County coming up soon, \$2500, money for dirt, fill and boulders at Ice House Landing.

Columbia Land Conservancy Municipal Mini Grant of \$500. Deadline February 28, awards announced in March. We could use money for replanting trees and perhaps a pollinator garden?

Motion to end the meeting made by Dubac, seconded by Cady.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next meeting: Monday, January 2