

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom
June 5, 2023

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

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes - Motion to approve May minutes made by Donald Dubac, seconded by Arthur Cady, all approved.

Finances - Spending money on the weed cutter and cutting. Shifted money from Hover Grant to Friends of the River account.

OLD BUSINESS

Swimming in Roeliff Jansen Kill

Cady reported that at the last Local Waterfront Revitalization Committee meeting he submitted a letter about the Sportsman's lease of a town park on the Relief Jansen Kill. Jen Crawford asked for documentation of park use of the leased area. Our WAC previously discussed park use of the leasehold. A spill at the Kimberly Clark factory in Ancram long ago closed swimming at the park. Donald Dubac had previously provided his research to Jen that during the spill, Kimberley Clark provided buses for public swimming at an alternative site due to the spill. Liz Bathrick also wrote to WAC about public swimming at the park and park-sponsored swimming lessons at the town beach that is now leased.

Trees

Anthony Cidras will get estimates of the trees. Overington gave him the list of trees and asked him to buy and plant. WAC can help with the planting. Some will go in at Cheviot. Planting in September.

Ice House

Still looking for proof of the right of way to Ice House.

NEW BUSINESS

Canoe Race

Tom Shannon reported that 24 canoes and kayaks competed in the race. Pros from Connecticut came up and won the race. Winner did the race in 2 hours and 11 minutes. Raised just under \$800, a little less than last year.

Earth Day

Raised \$300 for trees.

Seedlings

Shannon planted 90% of seedlings but many of them didn't survive the lack of rain.

Bag Sales

Otto's sold \$160 worth of bags. Jo Hills will send thank you.

Amtrak Police

Presence along the ROW. They are encouraging people to be safe along the tracks.

Meeting with DEC about Water Chestnuts.

Overtington attended Zoom meeting last month about water chestnut.

DEC Grant

DEC sent information about \$75K grant due July 12. Discussion of the different cutters and do we want another one or perhaps a new pontoon boat.

Water Chestnut Picking

June 24 between 9 am and 1pm. Didi Barrett has not yet responded if she is coming. Boy Scouts are coming. Reach out to Roe Jan people.

Next meeting: July 3, at the Park under the Pavilion.

Motion to adjourn made by Hills, seconded by Shannon.