

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom
July 6, 2020

Attending: Christina Bohnsack, Billy Shannon, Donald Dubac, Tony Albino, Martin Mortensen, Kaare Christian, Martin Overington

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Chairman Christina Bohnsack

OLD BUSINESS

Peckham Industries withdrew its plans to build construction dump site across from Lasher Park.

Cheviot Kiosk

Discussion of size — 2 or 3 sided, who will build it. The History Department has made a grant request for money for the kiosk.

Water Chestnut

About 15 people gathered to remove the chestnut at Cheviot. Discussion of how to deal with the removal of the pulled up weeds next year.

1. Pile the weeds on one floating dock, not both, put yellow tape around it and a sign that it will be picked during a high tide after it dries.
2. Coordinate with the town so that we fill up a truck or a trailer which the town can then cart away

We should try to go earlier in the season.

Martin and a few neighbors bought an underwater weed cutter from Saugerties and attached it to a boat and have been successfully cutting the weeds down at Lower Main Street.

Shoreline Stabilization

Kaare will send out some information on people and towns we can contact about the work they have done and contractors who could perform the work.

Clean Energy Committee

The grant season is on — a meeting in Albany on July 23. Grants are \$3000 and up. September 30th is the deadline but the earlier we apply the greater our chance of getting more money. We have 2 qualifying requirements for the grant: LED Streetlights and the Charging Station. Sending someone to the Code Enforcement Training would give us 3. We should try to get this on the next Town Meeting agenda. Don will get in touch with Austin to get the data on our energy usage from National Grid. (something else about Unified Solar Permits? Solar Power in our town buildings? — sorry couldn't follow this)

Discussion on priority projects for the \$3000. Updating heating system in Parsonage; solar lights on the osprey platform.

Osprey Platform

We should try to bring GTel and the school together for a conversation on building a new platform. Kaare has a spec for the camera for the platform. Perhaps people would donate money for the camera. Martin suggested the platform might be a seasonal pole put up on land similar to a pole for a basketball hoop.

Gates and Fences

During an interview on WAMC Congressman Delgado spoke on a new gate and fence plan proposed by Amtrak. We will try to get information on this plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewage at Lower Main Street

Martin and his neighbors say that there is a definite sewage smell from the new system. Christina suggested that he get the neighbors to write to the town about it.

Ice House Landing

Amtrak has dumped debris at the opening to one of the open sites. We need to get a survey done to see where our land ends and theirs begins and we need to have access to our site.

Diversity

Is there a role for the WAC in encouraging more minority usage of our waterfront spaces.

Next Meeting Monday, August 3rd

Meeting adjourned at 8:23