

PITTSFORD ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Minutes

March 6, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Heinzelman, Jackie Ebner, Jerremy Lorch, Julie Marcellus, Jim Pippin

ABSENT: Lindsay Clark, Surya Man, Caroline Kilmer

OTHERS PRESENT: April Zurowski, Planning Assistant; Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Liaison

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 9

Chairman Steve Heinzelman opened the meeting at 7:03PM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Environmental Board Member Julie Marcellus made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2023, seconded by Environmental Board Member Jim Pippin. The minutes were approved following a unanimous voice vote.

TOWN BOARD UPDATE: Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Member

Environmental Board Member Jackie Ebner updated the Board on her presentation of the Town and Community Greenhouse Gas Inventories prepared by her students at RIT at the last Town Board meeting. Environmental Board Member Jim Pippin asked if there were any shocking results. Town Board Member Stephanie Townsend stated that the results were predictable. The Town Board's comments and questions focused more on understanding the results of the inventory.

Town Board Member Townsend reviewed a list of "to-do" items for upcoming Environmental Board meetings including working on a Complete Streets Policy, updating our Natural Resources Inventory, edits to the Zoning Code, and strengthening building and energy codes within Town Code. Town Board Member Townsend acknowledged that Town staff time is mandatory for all these items. Developing a Climate Action Plan will take a lot of time and work, so the Environmental Board may need to take on a larger role. Environmental Board Member Jackie Ebner stated that Color Pittsford Green may be able to assist the Town. Environmental Board Chairman Steve Heinzelman asked the Board if a Climate Action Plan is necessary. He suggested that a list of "to do" items would be a sufficient guide. Environmental Board Member Jim Pippin agreed with Chairman Heinzelman. April Zurowski, the Staff Liaison, stated that the development of a Climate Action Plan would involve various Town staff and may take a long time for everyone to be involved. A resident from the public advised the Environmental Board to investigate a full-time climate staff person. Town Board Member Stephanie Townsend stated that she will send a memo to the Town Board.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE: April Zurowski, Staff Liaison

Ms. Zurowski addressed a current Planning Board application with the Board. She updated the Board on Coventry Ridge Section 4. The Planning Board will continue to review this application. The Environmental Board scheduled a site walk.

Ms. Zurowski stated that the Town will host an Earth Day event at King's Bend Park on April 22, 2023, and the Town and Environmental Board will have a table. She asked for volunteers for the event.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

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The Environmental Board welcomed its newest member, Jeremy Lorch. Board Member Lorch has all but dissertation degree status from the University at Buffalo in English and has Masters of the Arts in English from both the University at Buffalo and Brockport College. He also has numerous years in governmental assistance and teaching. He joined the board because of a general interest in environmental issues in the community.

Chairman Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 8:12PM.

Respectfully,

April Zurowski
Planning Assistant