

**PITTSFORD ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

Minutes

August 1, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Heinzelman, Jackie Ebner, Caroline Kilmer, Julie Marcellus

**ABSENT:** Lindsay Clark, Hali Buckley, Jim Pippin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** April Zurowski, Planning Department Assistant, Doug DeRue, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Development, Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Liaison

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 0

Chairman Steve Heinzelman opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Environmental Board Chairman Steve Heinzelman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2022, seconded by Environmental Board Member Julie Marcellus. The minutes were approved following a unanimous voice vote.

**TOWN BOARD UPDATE:** Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Member

April Zurowski gave the Environmental Board an update on the Climate Smart Communities application. She stated that the application has been resubmitted and the Town is now awaiting comments, expected mid-September.

Board Member Jackie Ebner updated the Board about the community campaign Heat Smart Pittsford. She stated that the June 30th meeting had about 6 people in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for September 30th.

She stated that Color Pittsford Green completed community outreach for at-home composting. She asked Town Board Member Townsend and Town staff to look into Impact Earth. Board Member Ebner stated that the Town could investigate the 3-year campaign advertised with NYSDEC for free at-home compost bins. She asked for an update on the previously discussed pilot project for highway pickup of compost. Board Member Caroline Kilmer asked Board Member Ebner to describe the details of the NYSDEC grant. Board Member Ebner stated that she has passed along the grant funding information to the Town's contracted grant writer. Board Member Ebner stated that the greenhouse gas inventory process has started.

Town Board Member Townsend discussed how the Active Transportation Plan corresponds with current and future sidewalks and trails. She discussed planned future connections within the Town. She stated that residents and the Town Board are pushing the State for a pedestrian crossing signal at Sunset Boulevard and South Main Street.

Town Board Member Townsend discussed the recent AARPA funds spending updates. The Town Board has spent over 2 million dollars of the received funds. She stated that every Town park will receive improvements. Recently, the Town Board approved the purchase of a tractor that will help reduce pesticide use. Funds for a second pollinator garden at Great Embankment Park were also approved. Many trail improvements are anticipated as well. Sewer improvements near Alpine Drive will help reduce water usage. Nine more refuse districts were approved, meaning less trucks on the road.

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Board Member Kilmer asked for an update on the previously edited tree ordinance. Town Board Member Townsend stated she will look into it.

Doug DeRue stated that the Town Board has continued work on the Zoning Code update. He stated that this may be a good time for the Board to take green infrastructure into account. For example, downspouts may be adjusted to release water onto the ground, instead of a direct connection to storm sewers. The Town Board should be recrafting the Zoning Code to coincide with the Comprehensive Plan.

**PLANNING BOARD UPDATE:** Doug DeRue, Staff Liaison

Mr. DeRue stated that there are no new Planning Board applications that will require Environmental Board review.

**OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

Chairman Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 8:12PM.

Respectfully,

April Zurowski  
Secretary to the Environmental Board