

**TOWN OF PITTSFORD
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Heinzelman, Jim Pippin, Caroline Kilmer, Jackie Ebner, Ethan Greene, Audrey Clignett, Julie Marcellus, Jeremy Lorch

ABSENT:

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2

Chairman Steve Heinzelman opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN DISCUSSION: April Zurowski, Planning Assistant

Town Board Member Townsend stated that the Climate Action Plan (CAP) was approved by the Town Board. She thanked the Environmental Board for their hard work. She stated that this plan will equip the Town Board and staff when decision-making. The community portion of extending the CAP will involve the Environmental Board. Board Member Kilmer asked if the Town Board received any comments or questions about the CAP. Town Board Member Townsend stated that Ellen Henry, of Color Pittsford Green, was the only speaker. She also received positive feedback on her social media pages.

CHAIRMAN UPDATES: Steve Heinzelman, Chairman

Chairman Heinzelman had no updates to discuss.

TOWN BOARD UPDATES: Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Liaison

Town Board Member Townsend stated that Jess Neal, Parks Foreman, has been working on fencing for the new pollinator garden at Great Embankment Park.

PLANNING BOARD/STAFF UPDATES: April Zurowski, Planning Assistant

Ms. Zurowski stated that the Planning Board conducted a site walk on August 23, 2024, for the Pittsford Oaks apartment project. Environmental Board Member Pippin was in attendance. Board Member Pippin stated his concern for the building's visibility and the proposed clearing limits. He suggested additional landscaping at the intersection and near the historic home at 2867 Clover Street. Board Member Pippin asked if the proposed stormwater ponds could be relocated. Ms. Zurowski stated that there is no available green space to relocate the ponds.

Board Member Kilmer asked about the Monroe County Food Scraps Recycling Program. Ms. Zurowski stated that the County will be discontinuing the program in September.

Board Member Kilmer stated that the Monroe County Environmental Management Council has asked its members to brainstorm training sessions for volunteer board members. Town Board Member Townsend recommended a course on fleet electrification. Board Member Ebner stated that the Town is missing out on grants for electric vehicles. Town Board Member Townsend stated that the Town Board can now use the CAP as a guide. Board Member Ebner asked if the Environmental Board will be involved in decision-making. Town Board Member Townsend stated that applicable projects will receive advisory comments from the Environmental Board. Board Member Ebner stated that the Environmental

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Board should be involved as the Climate Smart Communities Task Force. She mentioned the Town of Henrietta's process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 5, 2024

Board Member Ebner motioned to approve the minutes of August 5, 2024, as submitted, seconded by Board Member Kilmer. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved. None opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Steve Heinzelman, Chairman

Chairman Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 7:32PM.

Respectfully,

April Zurowski
Planning Assistant