

# **MINUTES    Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission**

## **April 28, 2016**

**Time**                    7:00pm

**Location**             Rondout Municipal Center  
1925 Lucas Ave.  
Cottkill, NY 12419

**Members Present**    ☒ Tom Konrad (Chair)  
☒ Doug Adams (Town Board Representative)  
☐ Paul DiGrazia  
☒ Eric Stewart  
☒ Iris Marie Bloom  
☐ Jason Zimmerman  
☒ Margot Becker

**In Attendance**    Noa Simons, Community Compost Company  
Bobbi Esmark, former ECC Chair, Stand for Land  
Nicci Cagan, From the Ground Up

**February Minutes**    Members approved the draft minutes from February. The final PDF will be sent to the clerk and posted on the Marbletown website.

**Compost**             Noa described how Community Compost operates. Details can be found at <https://www.communitycompostco.com/>

The group discussed composting possibilities for Marbletown.

Members voted to recommend that the town consider starting a composting service at the Transfer Station similar to the one currently provided for Gardiner. They asked Noa to present the idea at the Town Board meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Trash Fest**            Trash Fest is scheduled for the month of June, with an opening ceremony on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Margot presented a schedule of events including times and venues to be used.

Margot has sent out a press release and asked the group for additional publicity ideas. The BlueStone Press has been particularly helpful.

**Styrofoam Ban**        New York State's polystyrene (Styrofoam) ban takes effect in May, but there is still active opposition.

The ECC will ask the Town Board to sign a letter in support of the ban.

**Paint  
Disposal**

The American Coatings Council (sometimes referred to as the paint industry) is backing efforts to establish stewardship programs across the country. The ACC is among the groups asking municipalities to support a related NYS bill.

Not enough members had reviewed the materials prior to the meeting to have an informed vote. Members will review the materials online and vote on the letter of support in advance of the Town Board meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**EMC Retreat**

Ulster County's Environment Management Council has not had Marbletown representation for some time. Also, the EMC has scheduled a retreat for May 6-7, and has sent out invitations to the area municipalities.

Members voted to recommend that the Town Board appoint Margot and Eric as co-representatives to the EMC. Margot will look into the possibility of attending the retreat.

**Pilgrim  
Pipelines**

A bill has been introduced in the New York State Assembly (A09831a) that would ban pipelines carrying hazardous materials/petroleum along the Thruway.

The ECC voted to recommend that the Town Board join in signing a resolution in favor of the legislation.

**Adjourn**

*The Marbletown ECC is an advisory commission that meets at 7p on the last Thursday of every month. Meetings are held at the Rondout Municipal Center and are open to the public. Please consult the calendar at <http://www.marbletown.net> for confirmed meeting dates and times.*