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## Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group

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## Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group

### Meeting Summary

July 16, 2015

Town Hall, Room 101, 3:30 PM

**Members:** Charlotte Buchanan, Maureen Cunningham, Joann Dawson, Lisa Evans, Joan Gavrilik, Brian Gyory, Sam Messina, Peter Thomas.

**Town Staff:** Robert Leslie, Chair; Liz Staubach, Economic Development Coordinator; Nan Lanahan, Director of Parks & Recreation; John Clarkson, Town Supervisor; Kathleen Reid, Zoning Board Secretary

Supervisor Clarkson opened the meeting with introductions.

Rob Leslie chaired the meeting and outlined the Group's key objectives for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group. Mr. Leslie also made a presentation which discussed the previous LWRP process and included a review of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) recommendations.

The group also discussed future funding opportunities and various avenues to take to advance the vision for the waterfront. Town staff is currently working on completing an application to the Department of State to update the Draft LWRP Plan. The application deadline is July 31, 2015 for the \$75K grant. The Town will begin developing a request for proposal (RFP) for consultant services to assist with the update and once the funds are approved they will interview a consultant to help with the process. A sub-group will be formed to assist with the interview process; Charlotte Buchanan and Joan Gavrilik volunteered to participate in the sub-group. It is anticipated the consultant selection process will occur between September and December 2015, putting the Town in place to formally hire the consultant once a grant award announcement is made in December 2015. Mr. Leslie reviewed the timeline and projects completion of a final LWRP in the fall of 2016.

The meeting closed with an open discussion regarding the opportunity areas within the district and how best to achieve their potential. The Group identified the following items to be included in the update: revised Henry Hudson Park Master Plan, explore future greenway trail connections with the Hudson River Valley Greenway agency, prepare a Scenic Overlay District to preserve the special view of the Hudson River and beyond, pursue public access to the Glenmont Job Corps lands along the Hudson River, invite businesses (PSEG, Innovative Solutions, Glenmont Job Corps) along the riverfront to participate on the Group, reach out to various localities on the east side of the river and gather information about their current zoning along the riverfront, research State agency and non-profit organizations (Hudson River Watershed Alliance) regarding funding opportunities and include the Town's recommendations for waterfront improvements in their plans.

Please click on link to the [7-16-2015 LWRGP Presentation](#)

### Next Steps:

- Submit draft proposal and application to NYSD Department of State for LWRP funding.
- On the LWRP Advisory Group webpage add an inventory of recent plans, studies, and policies applicable to the LWRP update.
- Coordinate a bus tour of the riverfront.
- Schedule the next LWRP Advisory Group meeting.
- Prepare draft LWRP Request for Proposal. Create interview selection group.

**Next Meeting to be determined – will be posted on the website**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen Reid, Secretary