

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Upper Nyack Board of Trustees held at
7:00 pm on Thursday, January 18, 2023 held as a hybrid meeting.**

PRESENT	Karen Tarapata Michael Esmay Alison Crowther (virtual) Jeffrey Epstein Kennon Rothchild III	Mayor Deputy Mayor Trustee Trustee Trustee
ALSO PRESENT	Georgia Grandstaff PO Niles Davies Richard Fortunato	Village Clerk Clarkstown Police Village Treasurer
ABSENT -		

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

- **Police Report (see recording).**
- **Zoning Inspector Report (see attached).**
- **Treasurer Report (see attached).**
- **Resident River Hook Proposal.**

Discussion: A local architect Tapani Talo addressed the board and wished to present his proposal for a “passive architecture supplies and hands on training/education center” utilizing buildings located on the River Hook Preserve. The mayor explained that the current state of the buildings would not allow for this kind of center and that the idea could be premature - but agreed to meet with him on-site to discuss possibilities. Village resident Janice Perlman expressed her support for this type of use and her interest in being involved with the Friends of River Hook.

- **Approval of minutes from December 14, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.**

Motion to accept the minutes from the December 14th, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Epstein, Esmay, and Rothchild

NOES:

Abstain: Trustee Crowther

- **River Hook use policy discussion (attached).**

Discussion: Friends of River Hook president Sheryl LeRoy presented the Board with information about what the Friends have accomplished in 2023 and their goals for 2024 (attached) and how this might inform a use policy. The board discussed various aspects of a use policy for the River Hook Preserve (fees, rules about advertising, insurance, etc). Because the site's buildings are very limited in their ability to be used (parking limitations etc) there are not very many "events" that could currently occur and the board discussed having guidelines/categories or approving events and rules on a case-by-case basis. The mayor plans to have a draft of an application for the next meeting to help further clarify rules.

Motion to adopt the River Hook Use Policy, made by Trustee Rothchild, seconded by Trustee Epstein, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, Esmay, and Rothchild

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Executive Session.**

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:58 to discuss a pending legal matter, made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Rothchild, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, Esmay, and Rothchild

NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:17, made by Trustee Rothchild, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, Esmay, and Rothchild

NOES:

Abstain:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Rothchild, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, Esmay, and Rothchild

NOES:

Abstain: