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**Planning Board Meeting
July 10, 2019
Public Hearing Minutes
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
Arm of the Sea Tidewater Center**

Present: Planning Board – Mary Leahy, Michael Karashay, Scott Roeber

Others: Eyal Saad, Ben Neidl, Mike Moriello, Patrick Landewe, Anna Landewe, Patrick Wadden, Robin Goss, Dave Minch, Debbie Conathan, Chester Hartwell, Bill Swart, Patricia Raugh, Dave Gordon, John Joseph, Barry Meddenbach, Bill Swart, Philip Griely, Bruce Utter, Jolanda Jansen

Chairperson Mary Leahy opened the Public Hearing for the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Arm of the Sea Tidewater Center Project, 61 East Bridge Street Site Plan and Special Use Permit application at 6:30.

Jolanda Jansen, PE referred to the Arm of the Sea’s submittal of the project made a few months ago. The submittal will be revised to address comments made by the Planning Board. The Public Hearing will remain open to include responses from the public. There is a 3D model to refer to if anyone would like to look at it tonight and plans are available to review in the Village office.

Ms. Jansen stated that the Arm of the Sea is in negotiations with the Hudson River Clearwater Sloop to purchase the abandoned property adjacent to Tina Chorvas Park. Arm of the Sea is currently in contract and hopes to take ownership within the year. The initial plan is to make the property safe by fencing off the ruins and covering the existing soil with a layer of clean dirt to cover heavy metals from previous activities. The future permanent structures will be higher than the flood plain. The Master Plan will be developed in several phases. Phase one will include 1 small operations building on a platform, an awning over the existing coal bin, Phase two will include a performance space a classroom and art studio. Future phases will include a handicap accessible aquatic classroom and a sunken garden in the sluice way.

Patrick Wadden explained the use of the property as a grand place to tell the story of the property, the life of the river and the community. The facilities would include a performance arts center, rehearsals, summer camp programs, science projects and a water works playground that is inspired by the water mills of Saugerties. Educational programs would include understanding water sheds, aquafers, dams and tidewaters.

Public Comment

Susan Murphy, Cantine Island Lane, President of the Cantine Island Homeowners Association, stated that Cantine Island shares a property line with the Arm of the Sea since 1994. They had rented a small studio for their shows. Ms. Murphy is currently on the Board of Directors of the Clearwater. She is in full support of the Tidewater Center project. The music and drumming from the Arm of the Sea has never been a discomfort to the Cantine Island residents.

Anna Landewe, The Hudson River Conservancy, stated that she has total faith in the execution of the Arm of the Sea’s project. She hopes for the Boards full support of the project and stated it will add to the revitalization of the waterfront and would be a win-win for all involved.

Mary Leahy made a motion to keep the Public Hearing for the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Arm of the Sea Tidewater Center Site Plan and Special Use Permit application open. Scott Roeber seconded the motion to keep the Public Hearing for the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Arm of the Sea Tidewater Center Site Plan and Special Use Permit application open. Motion carried unanimously.