

Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
January 5, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Main Meeting Room

LEGAL

In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of the State of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this meeting of the West Milford Environmental Commission of Passaic County, New Jersey was sent to the Herald News. A copy has been filed with the Township Clerk's office and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on the Township's website. The Main Meeting Room is ADA accessible; special needs may be accommodated by contacting the Planning Department at (973) 728-2798. Please take note of the Fire Exits located in this room in the event of an emergency.

ROLL CALL

Regular Members: Andrew Abdul, Tim Dalton, Gary Oppenheimer, Douglas Ott, Thomas Tamayne, Don Weise, Chairman Stephen Sangle.

Alternate Members: Jennifer Easterbrook, Lucas Slott.

PRESENTATIONS –

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

PETER HACHEY

Bulk Variance #ZB-11-14-11

Block 4014; Lot 2

41 Wanaque Road; LR Zone

Seeking: Bulk Variances for lot coverage, where 1645 sq ft is required, 2003 sq ft exists, and 2256 sq ft is proposed, and for a rear yard setback, where 60 ft is required, 69 ft is existing, and 58 ft is proposed, for the construction of a 20 x 24 ft addition to an existing single-family residence including an enlarged deck. This matter is scheduled for a Board of Adjustment hearing on January 27, 2015.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW

NJDEP Green Comm. \$3000.00 Grant for Community Forestry Management Plan:
Update from Ron Farr, Certified Forester.

NJDEP NNL Reforestation Grant - \$620,197.00: Update from Ron Farr, Certified Forester.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Lakes Committee: Report.

Open Space Committee: Report.

Environmental Contamination Issues: Report.

Green Team–Sustainable Subcommittee:

- Report on Sustainable Jersey Program.
- Update on activities proposed for 2015.

Beaver Dam at Environmental Boardwalk: Update.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

Council Request –Pilgrim Pipeline & Fracking – Discuss.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the August, September, October, November, December 2014 Regular Meetings of the West Milford Environmental Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Highlands Water Protection And Planning Act Correspondence

1. Notification of the Highlands Regional Master Plan Monitoring Program for the Northern Region on January 12, 2015, 7 to 9 pm, Sussex County Technical School Cafeteria, 105 N. Church Street, Sparta, NJ

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. Letter from Bob Martin, Commissioner of the NJDEP, dated December 17, 2014, advising that the West Milford Environmental Commission and Chairman Stephen Sangle did not receive the 2014 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, but thanked the Commission for their efforts to improve and protect New Jersey's environment.

2. Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification from NJDEP, Case #14-12-10-1034-14, dated December 11, 2014, regarding suspected ground water contamination causing gasoline odor inside the house in response to a citizen complaint from John Lindsay, 17 St. George Street, Block 7104; Lot 10.

3. Notification from the NJDEP, dated December 17, 2014, advising of \$15 million in municipal grants being offered to bolster recycling efforts. Grants are awarded based on the 2012 recycling data, and funds are available through the State's Recycling Enhancement Act.

4. Notification from the NJDEP – Division of Fish and Wildlife Endangered and Nongame Species Program, that matching grants in the amount of \$1000 to \$3500 are available to nonprofit groups and agencies for projects directly related to wildlife diversity and education. Funds are made possible by the Conserve Wildlife License Plate program.

Miscellaneous Correspondence Received/Sent

1. Certification from the Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District, dated November 6, 2014, regarding the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for the Henion Pond Dam Rehabilitation, 256 Macopin Road, Block 12501; Lot 41.01.

2. Site Plan approval, dated December 22, 2014, received from Passaic County Planning Board, regarding the proposed West Milford Library, 1470 Union Valley Road, Block 7903; Lots 13-16. Prior to reconstruction of the driveway and the curbs extended, a ROW access permit is required.

3. Notification from the Passaic County Planning Board, dated December 23, 2014, regarding the submission of a site plan for a new driveway for the Grace Fellowship Church, Union Valley Road, Block 9801; Lot 1, advising that approval has been withheld pending receipt of revised drainage calculations for a 25 year storm, with tributary area map and percolation test results; waiver from Passaic County to construct a driveway with frontage on a county road when municipal road frontage exists; revised road profile with a grade no more than 2% for the first 50 feet from the property line; revised sight distance plan; revised plans with cross sections for every 100 feet of new driveway; revised plans showing required signage; revised plans with gutter flow indicated along Union Valley Road; NJDEP permit for driveway to be constructed within 300 foot buffer of a C-1 Trout Production stream; copy of the HEPSCD permit for the driveway; payment of \$5,200.40 as contribution for the County Corridor Enhancement program.

4. Notice from ANJEC regarding membership renewal for 2015: \$400. with additional Workshop Plan and Alternates' Membership.

5. Notification from Rutgers Cooperative Extension regarding an Environmental Stewards Training Program. Passaic County classes held at Preakness Healthcare, Wayne, NJ, \$250. Contact Jo-Ann Pituch, 973-305-5740 or pituch@njaes.rutgers.edu.

6. Notification from Rutgers Cooperative Extension regarding an Organic Land Care Certificate Course, a 5 day course for landscapers and land care providers, to be held Jan 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 2015 from 8 – 5, Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

ADJOURNMENT