

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Main Meeting Room of Town Hall**

**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 and the Record. 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. The Main Meeting Room is ADA accessible; special needs can be accommodated by contacting the Planning Department at (973) 728-2798.*

**ROLL CALL**

Regular Members: Andrew Abdul, Gillian Hemstead, Timothy Metcalf, Douglas Ott,  
Bernie Stapleton, David Watson-Hallowell, Chairman Stephen Sangle  
Alternates: Maryellen Gabay, Gary Oppenheimer  
GIS Specialist: Robert Sparkes

**NEW MEMBER** – Administer Oath to new member Gary Oppenheimer.

**PRESENTATION**

**ANNUAL AMPHIBIAN MIGRATION – Dave Emma**

**WEST MILFORD LAKE – Tibor Latinesics, P.E. and Marshall Hill, LLC**

**APPLICATIONS** – None.

**TELECOMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS** - None.

**GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW**

**604(b) OTWS Grant:** Status Report.

**2004 Greenwood Lake 319H Grant and 2007 Stormwater Implementation  
319H Grant:** Status Report.

**Streetscape Grant:** Status Report.

**Urban Forestry Grants:** Status Report.

**ON GOING BUSINESS**

**Community Forestry Plan:** Status report.

**Lakes Committee:** Status Report.

**Wetland Mitigation Project:** Status Report-Ramapo College-Wallisch Estates Property.

**Open Space Subcommittee:** Status Report.

**Energy Subcommittee:** Update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sustainable Jersey:** Update.

**Annual End of Year Report:** Update.

**MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of the October 6, 2008, November 3, 2008 and December 8, 2008 regular meetings.

## **HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT**

1. Notice received from the Highlands Council of Agency Determination – Exempt and Water Quality Management Plan – Consistent for Block 3608; Lot 12, Estate of Muriel Anderson, Ivy Lane, for a new single family home.
2. Notice of Intent to Cancel dated January 29, 2009 for Awosting Association, Inc. and the Minor Subdivision of Block 4106; Lot 1, received from the NJDEP with regard to Highlands Applicability and Water Quality Management Plan Consistency Determination with an attached copy of the Second Notice of Technical Incompleteness dated January 7, 2009.
3. Correspondence from Tibor Latincsis of Conklin Associates dated January 16, 2009 to the Jeffrey Olawski, Bureau of Watershed Management regarding the Awosting Minor Subdivision, revision of plans, and response to the January 7, 2009 letter of Second Notice of Technical Incompleteness from the NJDEP.
4. Notice received from ANJEC on January 30, 2009 notifying Environmental Commissions of the Highlands Regional Master Plan Conformance and grants available.
5. Notice of application dated January 19, 2009 for Highlands Exemption and Consistency Determination for Water Quality Management Plan received from G. Gloede and Associates regarding Mr. Wonton, LLC, Block 6303; Lot 18, 1564 Union Valley Road.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

1. Notice of a Freshwater Wetlands Application and GP 25 Permit for Steve Higgens, Block 8509; Lot 15, 8 Pinecrest Trail, with regard to installation of a subsurface sanitary disposal system.
2. Notice of an application received January 30, 2009 from Cerenzio and Panaro on behalf of the West Milford Township Municipal Utility Authority to the NJ DEP for a Special Activity Transition Area Redevelopment Waiver regarding Block 3802; Lot 3 in relation to the upgrade of Wastewater Treatment Facilities Capabilities.
3. Notice of Revision Disapproval dated January 23, 2009 received from the NJDEP regarding the revised Water Quality Management Plan for Brown's Point Plaza, Block 3610; Lot 26.
4. No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not To Sue received from the NJ DEP regarding Block 14501; Lot 5, 41 Blakely Lane, with respect to a 550 gallon underground #2 heating oil tank removal.
5. Notice of Violation from the NJ DEP for Paul Vanderveen, Block 8201; Lot 22; 1855 Macopin Road, for unauthorized placement of fill, destruction of vegetation and construction of a barn in a wetlands transition area.
6. Notice from Cefes Financial, Inc. of an application for a Letter of Interpretation and Transition Area Waiver for Block 16504; Lot 4, Apple Tree Lane.
7. Notice from Lan Associates of application for a Freshwater Wetlands Application to be filed with NJ DEP for the Christian Life Center, Block 6203; Lot 13, 184 Marshall Hill Road.
8. No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not To Sue received from the NJ DEP regarding Block 13701; Lot 26, 26 Navajo Trail, with respect to a 300 gallon underground #2 heating oil tank removal.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Notice from the Planning Department dated February 6, 2009 of intent to provide the Environmental Commission with copies of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment application forms to apprise them of proposed development.

2. Notice from ANJEC of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and request of Environmental Commissions to submit a description of a significant accomplishment during the past 40 years.
3. Copy of a letter from Fred Semrau, Township Attorney, dated January 20, 2009 to Jeffrey Wilson, Esq., attorney for Marshall Hill, LLC regarding the West Milford Lake Dam and a request to cease lowering the lake until proper approvals and permits are acquired.
4. Letter received from Fred Semrau, Township Attorney, on February 6, 2009 regarding West Milford Lake representatives to be in attendance at the EC meeting of February 9, 2009.
5. Receipt of Planning Board Engineer and Board Planner reports on February 2, 2009 regarding the December 4, 2008 revised plans for 1952 Union Valley Road.
6. Pequannock Post – February 2009 - Volume 14, Issue 1
7. Memo from Rob Sparkes dated January 30, 2009 to the Township Administrator requesting that a Sustainable Jersey resolution be placed on an upcoming Township Council agenda.
8. Notification from ANJEC to Environmental Commissions regarding a seminar on Environmental Commission Training to Protect Natural Resources.
9. Copy of an application for a preliminary permit from Riverbank Sparta, LLC to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a feasibility assessment of a pumped storage project at the Limecrest Quarry in Sparta, NJ.
10. Notice received January 27, 2009 of the 2009 New Jersey Land Conservation Rally on March 7, 2009, New Brunswick, NJ.
11. Resolution 2009-040 adopted January 1, 2009 regarding the award of a contract to Scott Holzhauser, CTA to assist in tax appeals against the Township.
12. Resolution 2009-009 adopted January 1, 2009 Re-Establishing a Lakes Committee.
13. Letter from Environmental Commission to Cable TV Committee requesting Cablevision coverage of special EC meetings.
14. Letter from the New Jersey Farm Bureau regarding the evidentiary hearing to contest the validity of the regions septic density standards of 88 and 25 acres established by the NJ DEP. For more information contact Nicki Gorger at 609-393-7163 of the New Jersey Farm Bureau.
15. Copy of a letter dated January 12, 2009 from Tibor Latincics of Conklin Associates regarding Marshall Hill, LLC and the West Milford Lake site, including various attachments, with comments regarding possible development of a portion of the site, and a request for a meeting to discuss the dam decommissioning plans.
16. Notice from the NJ League of Municipalities dated January 28, 2009 regarding the HR 1 – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Energy and Environment and Housing Components of the economic stimulus bill.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**