

Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
March 3, 2014

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. 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.

ADMINISTER OATHS TO RE-APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

Andrew Abdul, Gary Oppenheimer, Jennifer Easterbrook (Alt #1)

ROLL CALL

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

Alternates: Jennifer Easterbrook, Lucas Slott.

PRESENTATIONS

Peter Dolan, NJ Program Coordinator, NY/NJ Trails Conference – Open Space Stewardship

Thalya Reyes, Americorps NJ Watershed Ambassador – Update on Americorps Cleanup dates.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW – None.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW

NJDEP Green Comm.\$3000.00 Grant for Community Forestry Management Plan: Update.

NJDEP NNL Reforestation Grant - \$620,197.00: Update.

2010 ANJEC Smart Growth Planning Grant-Trails Master Plan: Update.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Lakes Committee: Report.

Open Space Committee: Report.

Environmental Contamination Issues: Report.

Green Team–Sustainable Subcommittee – Sustainable Jersey Program: Report.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of December 2013, January 2014 and February 2014 Regular Meetings of the West Milford Environmental Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Highlands Water Protection And Planning Act Correspondence

1. Letter from the NJDEP, dated February 12, 2014, to the Township of West Milford, regarding a Highlands Pre-Application Meeting that was held to review a proposed access driveway to the West Milford Recycling Center at Block 6002; Lots 18.01 and 28.03, advising that a Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) must be submitted to verify if an exemption was applicable, and if exempt, a Highlands Preservation Area Approval (HPAA) would not be required. The NJDEP also advised that Freshwater Wetlands and Flood Hazard Area approvals would be necessary for the access driveway, and they recommended that the Township pursue alternative solutions to lessen the disturbance, and would be available to meet with the Township to explore alternatives.

2. Notification received February 2, 2014 from the Borough of Ringwood of an Ordinance #2014-1 to amend and supplement the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Ringwood by adding Chapter XLI entitled "Highlands Area Exemption" to regulate the manner in which the Borough may approve applications that are exempt from Highlands regulations.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. Notification dated January 9, 2014 from the NJDEP advising that the Class B Recycling Center General Approval was renewed for Skytop Recycling, Inc., 80 Airport Road, Block 6002; Lot 34, effective January 9, 2014 to January 1, 2019.

2. Copy of the New Jersey Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2019, received February 19, 2014 from the NJDEP Historic Preservation Office.

3. Letter from the NJDEP, dated February 21, 2014, to the Pinecliff Lake Community Club regarding the Pinecliff Lake Dam (File No. 22-47) advising that per the 2012 Regular Inspection Report, submitted March 15, 2013, the dam was found to be in satisfactory condition with minor repairs and maintenance to be implemented within six months of this correspondence. Also advising that Class I dams require regular inspections every two years and a formal inspection every 6 years, the later of which is due by the end of 2014, as well as an updated Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and inspection checklist from the 2003 Operations & Maintenance Manual.

4. Letter from the NJDEP, dated February 21, 2014, to the Lake Lookover Property Owners Assoc. regarding the Lake Lookover Dam (File No. 22-84) advising that, based on the 2013 Inspection Report, submitted November 14, 2013, the dam was found to be in satisfactory condition with maintenance items recommended, to be implemented within six months of this correspondence. Also advising that an inspection report would be due within 2 years.

5. Letter from the NJDEP, dated February 12, 2014, to Passaic County regarding the Apschawa Main Dam (File No. 22-1) and the Apschawa Auxiliary Dam ((File No. 22-314), advising that the 2014 Inspection Report finds the dams to be in satisfactory condition with maintenance to be completed by May 21, 2014, and the next inspection performed by January 16, 2016. Also advising that the low-level outlet valves should be operated two to four times per year to prevent siltation of the inlet, control corrosion, and to insure operability of the valves, and requesting an electronic version of the EAP by March 31, 2014.

6. Notice from the NJDEP, dated February 11, 2014, to Chelsea Senior Residences, advising of a deficiency in the Freshwater Wetlands LOI and Transition Area Averaging Plan Application, and requesting verification of prior freshwater wetlands permits for the existing development, or requiring an amendment to the application to address all regulated activities, existing and proposed. In addition, the applicant is required to reassess the site to quantify and depict all freshwater wetlands and wetland transition area disturbances and apply for appropriate approvals required for the development, and if not received within 30 days, the application would be cancelled and referred for NJDEP enforcement.

Correspondence

1. Certification of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, dated January 14, 2014, received from the Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District for the proposed Camp Hope Swimming Pool and Spray Park at 1792 Union Valley Road, Block 6402; Lot 4.

2. Notice from the Passaic County Planning Board, dated January 27, 2014, regarding Twins Realty Group, Block 3906; Lots 9 & 10 and Block 6002; Lot 34.01, 937 Burnt Meadow Road, advising that revised plans indicating and labeling the flood plain line on the site plan and grading plan must be received before the plan will be considered for unconditional approval.

3. Copy of the Draft Passaic County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan received on February 21, 2014, with correspondence from the Passaic County Planning Dept. advising that a Public Hearing will be held on this matter on March 20, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Passaic County Planning Dept., with all comments to be submitted by April 19, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

ADJOURNMENT