

Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
March 6, 2017
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 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: Tim Dalton, David Ofshinsky, Douglas Ott, James Rogers, Thomas Tamayne, Don Weise, Chairman Stephen Sangle.
Alternate Members: Alt #1 C. Clinton Smith, Alt #2 – Vacant.

PRESENTATIONS -

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Community and Environmental Impact Statement

BUDDY FOREST

Bulk Variance #ZB-09-16-19

Block 411; Lot 1

Larchmont Drive; LR Zone

Seeking: Bulk Variance approval and a DeMinimis Exception From Residential Site Improvement Standards for Lot Frontage for the construction of a driveway, walkway, septic system for a new 5 bedroom single family dwelling on a lot that has no frontage on an improved public road.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW

NJDEP NNL \$620,197.00 Reforestation Grant Project: Update from Ron Farr.

2017 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant: Update from Don Weise.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Shade Tree Committee / Community Forestry Mgt Plan: Update.

Lakes Committee: Report.

Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission: Report.

Open Space Committee: Update.

Environmental Contamination Issues: Report.

Belchers Creek Testing Project: Update.

Green Team–Sustainability Committee: Report/update.

Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification – Update on application - due by June 2017.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

Security Cameras - Illegal Dumping at Norvin Green and Beaver Dam at Environmental Boardwalk

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the regular meetings of the West Milford Environmental Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence

1. Highlands Preservation Area Exemption Determination – Exemption #11, received from the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, dated February 7, 2017, regarding the PSE&G Radio System Upgrades on the Morsetown Road Tower 61/4 BB-NY, Block 4701; Lots 22 & 43, finding the application consistent with the goals and purposes of the Highlands Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan. PSE&G proposes to place radio equipment on a steel platform located under the existing transmission tower, place whip antennas on the transmission tower, and place a natural gas generator on a concrete pad adjacent to the existing gravel access road, with a cable bridge, underground utilities, a transfer switch and chain link fence with a swing gate.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. No Further Action notification from the NJDEP, dated January 30, 2017, regarding 15 Charcoal Road, Block 15301; Lot 11, related to the removal of a 550 gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank.
2. Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, dated February 14, 2017, NJDEP Case Number 17-02-13-1658-49 with regard to 8 Mayfair Road, Block 12208; Lot 25 and the removal of a leaking 275 gal #2 HO above ground storage tank; clean-up is pending.
3. Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, dated February 16, 2017, NJDEP Case Number 17-02-15-1626-08 with regard to 163 Wooley Road, Block 9901; Lot 31, and the removal of a 275 gal #2 HO underground storage tank; clean-up is pending.
4. Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, dated February 21, 2017, NJDEP Case Number 17-02-20-0913-25, with regard to 264 Marshall Hill Road, Block 6002; Lot 27, advising of a “Kerey Trecker” machine leaking a water soluble oil onto concrete. A moat was created to contain the oil spill and the substance was pumped back into the machine.
5. Notification of a Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #10A and Transition Area Letter of Exemption application, dated February 15, 2017, submitted to the NJDEP by PK Environmental for Thomas Berry, Snake Den Road, Block 11101; Lot 23.03, with regard to placement of 1,530 s.f. of pavement or other impervious surface (gravel) across wetlands for installation of a driveway to access a tree house.
6. No Further Action notification from the NJDEP, dated February 22, 2017, regarding 35 Lake Park Terrace, Block 4201; Lot 19, related to the removal of a 275 gallon #2 heating oil above ground storage tank.
7. Notification from Practical Environmental Solutions, dated February 17, 2017, to HJK Cleaners, 1590 Union Valley Road, Block 6401; Lot 1 regarding an investigation into groundwater contamination at the Belchers Run site located at 1592 Union Valley Road, NJDEP Preferred Identification #741599, advising that elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in the groundwater, and requesting to perform a vapor intrusion evaluation at the cleaner’s site. The evaluation will include collection of samples of the soil gas beneath the slab and indoor air for analysis of VOCs.

8. Correspondence received from Synergy Environmental, dated February 27, 2017, requesting water supply information for the Township's current and potential groundwater use to satisfy the NJDEP requirements with regard to a CEA and an environmental investigation for 2 Lakeside Drive (Lakeside Amoco), NJDEP PI#012599, Block 3509; Lot 16.

Miscellaneous Correspondence Received/Sent

1. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District correspondence, dated January 11, 2017, regarding the re-certification until November 4, 2018 of the revised soil erosion and sediment control plan for Inserra-Shop Rite Expansion – the revised limit of disturbance for the rear addition, Marshall Hill Road, Block 6303; Lots 15 & 16.
2. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District correspondence, dated January 26, 2017, regarding the re-certification until July 1, 2020 of the revised soil erosion and sediment control plan for Chelsea at Bald Eagle 2-Story Addition: revised per NJDEP Approval and Notes, located at 187 Cahill Cross Road, Block 5310; Lot 1.
3. Volunteer of the Year program and Volunteer Organizations Presentations - April 19, 2017.
4. ANJEC – 2017 Open Space Stewardship Grants – Applications due April 7, 2017.
5. Township of West Milford Amended Noise Ordinance–Ord 2017-001, introduced Feb. 1, 2017.
6. NY-NJ Trail Conference – Updated Publication Order Form.
7. Borough of Bloomingdale – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Affordable Housing Zone – Meer Tract - Public Hearing March 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm – Bloomingdale Municipal Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

ADJOURNMENT -