

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2008

Following the West Milford Lake meeting, the regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:31 p.m. with a reading of the legal notice by Chairman Stephen Sangle.

ROLL CALL

Present: Andrew Abdul, Gillian Hemstead, Timothy Metcalf, Douglas Ott, Bernie Stapleton, Alternate Maryellen Gabay, Chairman Stephen Sangle, Planning Director William Drew; GIS Specialist Robert Sparkes.

Absent: Irene Smith, Alternate David Watson Hallowell.

APPLICATIONS

WILLIAM AND DAWN GERVENS
Minor Subdivision #0810-1983
Block 15101; Lot 6
70 Coventry Road; R-4

Planning Director William Drew reviewed the application for a minor subdivision by William and Dawn Gervens.

TELECOMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS – None.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW

WEST MILFORD LAKES-ANJEC GRANT: Rob Sparkes reported that Princeton Hydro and Les Lynn made a presentation to the Planning Board the week prior to this. They recommended Plan #1 of the three that were presented. The Chairman commented that he heard it was a fine presentation.

604(B) OWTS GRANT: Rob Sparkes has Aileen Corbett working on the database system.

2004 GREENWOOD LAKE 319H GRANT AND 2007 STORMWATER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT 319H GRANT: Rob Sparkes reported that we are moving forward with putting the 2004 grant into the 2007 grant. A surveyor has been hired.

STREETSCAPE GRANT: Mr. Drew reported that the Township Council has awarded the contract to Dewberry Goodkind for the Streetscape grant and they are moving forward with the design element of the grant.

URBAN FORESTRY GRANTS: Rob Sparkes reported that a new finance person was hired at the County, and we may be reimbursed for the grant monies. The Commission concurred that the request should be submitted as soon as possible.

SMART GROWTH PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM 2008 – Rob Sparkes reported that the ANJEC grant information was submitted and he was waiting to hear back.

WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT: Mr. Sparkes reported that trees have been planted at the Wallisch site. Signage and the vernal pool are items yet to be completed.

ON GOING BUSINESS

COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN: Nothing new to report.

ENERGY COMMITTEE: Tim Metcalf reported on the Council comments. The chairman inquired about the letter of support. Mr. Drew advised that the Administrator said that the Commission does not have a role in this matter and that the memo was not forwarded to the Council. Ms. Hemstead expressed her concern about this matter being crucial in light of the energy crisis. Mr. Metcalf commented that he is on the Energy Committee because he is concerned about this matter. Mr. Metcald noted that a bid spec has to be complied, and reviewed the process as relayed to him. The Commission expressed dismay about the current lack of progress in the matter.

LAKES COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

SEPTIC MAINTENANCE: Gillian Hemstead reported that the draft is almost completed. she will forward to Mr. Hallowell and it will be ready for review.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Mr. Drew advised that the recommendations for West Milford Lake to be added to the list have been received favorably. The presentation by Princeton Hydro and Les Lynn will bring this to the forefront. The Commission concurred that this is an environmentally sensitive area and should not be used for any purpose that would endanger the site environmentally.

HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT

Notice from Frank and Charles Decker regarding Application for highlands Applicability Determination, received March 27, 2008.

Notice of Highlands Applicability Determination Application by Awosting Association, Inc. regarding property at Block 4106; Lot 1, 99 Long Pond Road, Hewitt.

Notification from the NJDEP regarding Withdrawal of Application for Highlands Applicability Determination and Water Quality Management Plan consistency Determination for Block 5307; Lot 11.04, Ridge Road, for Randall Vreeland.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - The following was noted and filed:

Notice of application for a Freshwater Wetlands Permit received March 7, 2008 regarding James DeLillo, Block 901; Lot 5, 634 Warwick Turnpike.

Authorization dated March 28, 2008 for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #25 and Waiver of Transition Area for Access for James and Karen DeLillo, Block 901, 902; Lots 5, 11.

Notice from Civil Dynamics dated March 10, 2008 regarding Gordon Lakes Dam, Block 12307; Lot 16, for a General Permit Authorization.

Notification from KSM Environmental Engineering regarding Treatment Works Approval Application for Teresa Wallace, Block 905; Lot 2, 4 Wyckoff Court.

Letter from NJ DEP to County of Passaic regarding permit for a new bridge to replace Union Valley Road over Green Brook and disturbance of .071 acres of freshwater wetlands for construction – expiration date corrected to 02/28/10.

CORRESPONDENCE – The following was noted and filed:

Smart Growth Planning Assistance Grant (ANJEC) – Water Quality Assessment Manual for Lakes Communities – submitted March 29, 2008.

Letter from the Township Administrator dated March 5, 2008 regarding the NJDEP breaching of the West Milford Lake Dam. (*Copies provided*)

Energy Committee Status Report Memo to Mayor and Township Council dated March 4, 2008.

ANJEC Workshop on Energy Audits – 04-28-08, 7:00-9:30, Woodbridge, NJ.

Volunteer of the Year Program notification – April 23, 2008. Request for Volunteer of the Year nominations and presentation night representative.

Pequannock Post – Volume 13, Issue 2 – received April 3, 2008.

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Motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 regular meeting by Andrew Abdul with a **second** by Douglas Ott. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Commission meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Approved: July 7, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya E. Cubby
Secretary