

**Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

MINUTES

July 11, 2016

The July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of West Milford Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:34 p.m. with a reading of the Legal Notice. Prior to the commencement of this regular meeting, several Commissioners met to conduct nitrate and phosphate tests on water samples drawn from various locations along Belchers Creek.

Administration of Oaths: David Ofshinsky – Appointed to the Alternate #1 position vacated by Jennifer Easterbrook.

Jim Rogers – Appointed to the Citizen #2 position vacated by Gary Oppenheimer.

ROLL CALL

Present: Andrew Abdul, Tim Dalton, Douglas Ott, Jim Rogers, Thomas Tamayne, Don Weise, Alt. #1 Dave Ofshinsky, Alt. #2 *Vacant*, Chairman Stephen Sangle.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Ron Farr, Tyler Lees, Paul Zarrillo.

Chairman Sangle advised that there was a quorum for this meeting.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW

NJDEP NNL \$620,197.00 Reforestation Grant Project: Ron Farr reported to the Commission that the new reforestation bids were advertised on July 3, 2016 and bids will be received on July 15, 2016 at 10am at the West Milford Town Hall. It is anticipated that the Township Council will issue the notice to proceed at the August 17, 2016 meeting, providing that all of the bids are in order. The bid documents were re-bid due to the scoring table that was not included in the last bid cycle. Mr. Farr did not have a final copy of the bid that was recently advertised but would secure a copy from the Clerk's Office; it was also available on the Township website. He noted that there were 10 bidders on the list, and local landscaper Battinelli was added to the list for this bid round. The changes in the new bids included an extended planting season to next Spring. Mr. Farr reported that Rosa Yoo was the new coordinator for the grants on the NJDEP level, replacing Evan Dilluvio.

The Commission discussed the Forestry Committee membership, and concurred that the new Committee members would be Commissioners Tom Tamayne, Tim Dalton, and Don Weise. The Secretary had requested more trees to be planted at the West Milford Museum, and they have been added to the plan, but further sites were needed for the remainder of the trees that were required to be planted. The planting plan would be revised.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW - None.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Shade Tree Committee: Tim Dalton advised that he and Dave Stires would attend the required classes when necessary for re-certification. The seminars offered in West Milford, recently on Invasive Species, would suffice for now.

Lakes Committee & Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission: Andy Abdul reported that Sue Muhaw and Mike Fitzpatrick of the Township Health Dept. were at the recent Lakes Committee meeting and the discussions focused on septic system requirements. Commissioner Jim Rogers inquired whether there was any discussion about amending the Highlands requirements with regard to septic systems, and Mr. Abdul responded that there was no discussion about this matter at the recent meeting. Mr. Abdul distributed the minutes from the Lakes Committee meeting.

Open Space Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Environmental Contamination Issues: Commissioner Tom Tamayne reported that he received five NJDEP No Further Action letters and five NJDEP Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notices from the Health Dept. and the Commission's Secretary. He noted that a report was received for 21 Park Lane which indicated that following 3.5 years of potable well testing, the results were satisfactory.

Green Team–Sustainable Subcommittee: Chairman Sangle advised that there was nothing to report at this time. This matter will be addressed in the near future.

Belchers Creek Testing Project: Andy Abdul reported that the testing machines needed to be recalibrated since they were apparently not working when they began testing samples from Belchers Creek earlier that evening. Chairman Sangle advised that all the samples came up as zero, and although there had been rain events, they need to determine whether the machines are correct. He noted that we may want to consider getting additional machines to speed up the testing.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

Tim Dalton inquired whether there was any information about the Upper Laurel Lake since he heard that it had been taken over by the Township for taxes. He noted that there was a large amount of weeds and if it is Township owned, he wanted to organize a clean-up program. On another matter, Mr. Dalton reported that he witnessed a crop of bamboo randomly growing along Lakeshore Road, and suggested that the Commission address this invasive plant in the near future. He would get information to the Commission's Secretary to post on the Township website informing residents about invasive plants.

On the matter of the recent resignations from the Commission by Gary Oppenheimer and Jennifer Easterbrook, Chairman Sangle expressed the Commission's gratitude for their service to the Township. He noted that both have several other major commitments that require their time, adding that they will be hard to replace. With regard to the Sustainable Jersey program, Green Team, and ALF, he observed that it will be difficult to find someone to take on all the responsibilities that Jennifer did. Chairman Sangle noted that one position remained to be filled and this should be addressed by the Mayor at the next Council meeting. Jim Rogers and Tim Dalton agreed to follow up on the ALF commitment for educational outreach.

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The Environmental Commission Minutes of March 7, 2016 were **approved** on a motion by Tim Dalton and second by Chairman Stephen Sangle.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - *The following correspondence items were reviewed by the Commission and filed:*

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence

1. None.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. Notification from Civil Dynamics, dated June 10, 2016, advising that a Statewide General Permit application is being submitted to the NJDEP for the decommissioning of the Green Valley Lake - Front Dam, on property owned by Kerry Greene, 267 Wooley Road.
2. Correspondence from the NJDEP, dated June 9, 2016, regarding the Carpi Lake Dam, NJ Dam File No. 22-129, advising that the 2015 Inspection Report from Jaman Engineering found the dam to be in FAIR condition, with maintenance and repairs necessary, and requesting the following: 1. Submission of an engineering report addressing the low level outlet and repairs that were completed without authorization, review of the capacity of the pipe (pre vs post conditions) with recommended modifications, to be submitted by August 1, 2016; 2. Updated flowchart and change of ownership for emergency notification on the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) must be submitted by August 1, 2016.
3. Notification from McKittrick Engineering, dated June 7, 2016, advising that a State General Permit #25 will be submitted to the NJDEP for Telford residence, 40 Riverside Road, Block 2405; Lot 2, regarding the installation of a septic system in a wetlands transition area.

4. Notification from McKittrick Engineering, dated June 7, 2016, advising that a State General Permit #25 will be submitted to the NJDEP for Bryan residence, 1920 Clinton Road, Block 301; Lot 7, regarding the installation of a septic system in a wetlands transition area.
5. NJDEP notification, dated May 12, 2016, regarding Lakeland Bank, 1943 Union Valley Road, Block 3504; Lot 1, with respect to the overfilling of #2 Heating Oil into an above ground storage tank, with clean up in progress.
6. NJDEP notification, dated June 10, 2016, regarding 162 Long Pond Road, Block 4101; Lot 5, with respect to the removal of a 550 gal #2 heating oil, with clean up complete.
7. NJDEP GP#25 Permit dated June 17, 2016 received for 32 Poplar Grove Terrace, Block 12208; Lot 12, for the disturbance of .045 acres (1960 sf) of freshwater wetlands transition area to repair a malfunctioning septic system for a single family dwelling.
8. NJDEP Communication Center Notification Report dated June 12, 2016 regarding an oil transformer PCB spill due to transformer malfunction. The spill was confined to the mounting pad and was being addressed by Clean Harbors.
9. Notification from Civil Dynamics for Block 9901; Lot 27.01, Kerry Greene and the Green Valley Front Lake Dam, regarding a General Permit for decommissioning of the existing dam to meet the NJDEP Dam Safety Standards.
10. No Further Action correspondence received from the NJDEP – Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program, dated June 21, 2016, regarding 162 Long Pond Road, Block 4101; Lot 5, for the removal of one 550G #2 Heating Oil UGST.
11. No Further Action correspondence received from the NJDEP – Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program, dated June 29, 2016, regarding 27 Walker Avenue, Block 13812; Lot 5, for the removal of a 550G #2 Heating Oil UGST.
12. No Further Action correspondence received from the NJDEP – Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program, dated June 23, 2016, regarding 80 Timber Lane, Block 14901; Lot 29, for the removal of a 550G #2 Heating Oil UGST.
13. Application for a NJDEP GP #25 dated June 30, 2016 received from McNally Engineering regarding Larssen, 5 Skyview Drive, Block 4801; Lot 1, for the replacement of an existing malfunctioning septic system.
14. Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit #1615-14-0002.1 FHA 160001 and Flood Hazard Area Verification #1615-14-0002.1 FHA 16000, dated June 8, 2016, received for The City of Newark, Rt. 23, Block 14102; Lot 1, authorizing the improvements to the existing Pequannock Water Treatment Plant within the flood hazard area of the Macopin River, including the construction of a thickener tank, valve chamber, thickened sludge mixing equalization basin, residuals treatment building, two below grade pumping stations and associated underground piping and grading.
15. Revised Classification Exception Area / Well Restriction Area (CEA/WRA) Fact Sheet Form, dated June 29, 2016, received for the former Texaco Service Station aka Towne Center, 1457 (1453 – 1463) Union Valley Road, replacing the previously submitted form from 04-29-16 that had an incorrect address.
16. NJDEP Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notice dated June 29, 2016 received for 185 High Crest Drive, Block 12901; Lot 62 regarding #2 Heating Oil and removal of a 550G UGST, with clean up pending.
17. NJDEP Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notice dated June 28, 2016 received for 7 Jefferson St, Block 16004; Lot 3 regarding #2 Heating Oil leaking from a 330G AGST, with clean up pending.

Miscellaneous Correspondence Received/Sent

1. HEPSCD certification of the revised soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated May 19, 2016, received for McDonald's Restaurant #5903, Block 6303; Lot 14 & 15, regarding Remodel – Revised LOD per Town & County, ID #215-P-3732, certifying the plan until August 2, 2019.
2. HEPSCD certification of the revised soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated May 10, 2016, received for Lightly Single Family Dwelling to be located at 53 Roaring Brook Way, Block 11106; Lot 7, ID#216-P-4271, certifying the plan for 3.5 years.

3. HEPSCD certification of the revised soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated May 10, 2016, received for Andrade East Shore Rd Single Family Dwelling Demo & Rebuild, 727 East Shore Rd., Block 4301; Lot 7, ID #216-P-4268, certifying the plan for 3.5 years.
4. Notice from the Borough of Bloomingdale advising of a second reading and public hearing to be held on July 19, 2016 at 7 PM regarding Ordinance # 18:2016 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey Establishing Section 92-61.1 of the Borough Code Known as the AH-1 (Affordable Housing) Overlay Zone, for the consideration of the potential expansion of the [Federal Hill] quarry operations (Block 5105; Lot 84) “as long as it is in conjunction with the goal of achieving the Borough’s Affordable Housing obligation and complying with existing Court Orders to obtain such compliance” including the site preparation of 35 acres on the adjacent Meer Tract (Block 105; Lot 14) for affordable housing.
5. Notice from ANJEC regarding the 43rd Annual Environmental Congress-Responding to Climate Change Locally, to be held on September 30, 2016, West Windsor, NJ.
6. New Jersey Tree Foundation and PSEG Seminar on “Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place, the Right Way” to be held on July 21, 2016, Passaic County Public Safety Academy, Wayne, NJ – Reservation required. 3 CEU’s for municipalities with a 5 year CFMP.
7. HEPSCD Re-certification of the soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated June 1, 2016, received for Brookside Development 4 SFD at 121 Union Valley Road, Block 14601; Lots 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, ID#211-P-3614 and #216-P-0035, certifying the plan until October 20, 2019.
8. HEPSCD certification of the soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated June 9, 2016, received for Pequannock Residuals Treatment Facility located at Rt. 23, Block 14102; Lot 1, ID#216-P-4281, certifying the plan for 3.5 years.
9. HEPSCD Re-certification of the soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated June 10, 2016, received for Renzland SFD to be located at 900 Burnt Meadow Road, Block 4601; Lot 17, ID#216-P-0043, recertifying the plan until October 6, 2019.
10. HEPSCD Re-certification of the revised soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated June 20, 2016, received for Village on Ridge, Ridge Road, Block 5201 & 5303; Lots 16, 19, 20 & 1, ID#093-P-1764 and #216-P-0052, certifying the plan until October 18, 2019.
11. HEPSCD certification of the revised soil erosion and sediment control plan that includes updates on lots and dwelling numbers, dated June 24, 2016, received for Greene Valley Estates Subdivision (Braemar at West Milford) located at Virginia Lane and Wooley Road, former Block 10001; Lots 14, 19, 20, 23, ID#205-P-2783, Audit #216-P-0044, SESC plan dated 06-01-16, certifying the plan until September 10, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Paul Zarrillo of the GWL Commission was present at the meeting and thanked Andy Abdul and the Environmental Commission for their commitment to the GWL Commission and Greenwood Lake. He reported that the GWLC is seeking funds for the stump removal that will accompany the lake drawdown in the fall/winter. He noted that one of the senators from NJ has suggested that the GWLC form an independent foundation, like Lake Hopatcong, to use as a funding source. He advised that the GWLC has an intern, Tyler Lees, present at this meeting, who is a good resource and may be able to assist with the Belchers Creek project. He also advised that an emergency management plan must be developed for GWL. Mr. Zarrillo observed that the Environmental Commission and the GWLC have common goals.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, the July 11, 2016 meeting was **adjourned** at **8:20p.m.** on a **motion** by Chairman Sangle and a **second** by Doug Ott.

Approved: August 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary