

**Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

MINUTES

September 11, 2017

The September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Township of West Milford Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with a reading of the Legal Notice.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Dalton, James Rogers, Clinton Smith, David Ofshinsky, Douglas Ott.

Absent: Thomas Tamayne, Don Weise, Chairman Stephen Sangle.

In the absence of Chairman Stephen Sangle, Acting Chairman Douglas Ott advised that there was a quorum for this meeting.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW: None.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW

NJDEP NNL \$620,197.00 Reforestation Grant Project: Acting Chairman Douglas Ott advised that Ron Farr would not be present at this meeting to provide an update on this matter. Commissioner Tim Dalton reported that Mr. Farr has submitted to the Forestry Committee the final draft of the NNL Reforestation Planting Plan, in addition to the associated maps and the responses to the NJDEP. He felt that the Forestry Committee should have their reviews completed within a week and will make any necessary changes prior to submission to the State. Mr. Dalton noted that a response from the NJDEP still may be required regarding tree planting on purported wetlands at the Wallisch Homestead that was noted in the report from April. Commissioner Clint Smith inquired where the wetlands location was on the Wallisch site, and Mr. Dalton stated that the area referred to by the State was on the lower field. Commissioner Jim Rogers suggested that the Commission submit all the revised documents and make a note in the response that several attempts were made to get a response from the NJDEP. He commented that the Commission may be able to secure conditional approval until a determination is made by the NJDEP. Acting Chairman Doug Ott observed that the Forestry Committee will need to meet again to review the revisions, and Mr. Dalton advised that he will do as much as he is able to in Tom Tamayne's absence.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Shade Tree Committee / Community Forestry Mgt. Plan: Tim Dalton reported that he will be attending the 3 day NJ Woodlands Program in Sussex County in October. He noted that the Community Forestry Management Plan must be kept current as a requirement of the NNL Reforestation Grant and any future forestry grants that the Commission may apply for.

Lakes Committee/Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission: Clint Smith reported that the Greenwood Lake Commission received another grant in the amount of \$18,500. for removal of some of the "floating islands" on Greenwood Lake. He noted that there was a contractor from Lake Mohawk that the GWLC will attempt to work with, but observed that it was a tedious effort locating the floating island stumps. The earlier stump removal project which involved cutting the stumps below the water's surface had commenced in August.

Open Space Committee: The Secretary advised that Commissioner Don Weise offered to review the prior lists of open space properties and provide a list for review so they could be

referred to the Township Council for consideration. An updated list has not been submitted to date.

Environmental Contamination Issues: No report at this time. The Commissioners reviewed the NJDEP contamination correspondence listed on the agenda.

Belchers Creek Testing Project: Commissioner Tim Dalton suggested that the Commissioners develop a testing schedule and confirm the accuracy of the equipment during the next few months so that the Belcher's Creek testing can resume in the Spring 2018.

Green Team–Sustainability Committee-Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification: Jim Rogers suggested that this item be removed from the agenda since it is a dormant issue. The Commission's Secretary noted that the Green Team/Sustainability Committee was a designated function of the Environmental Commission and there could be renewed effort to apply for Sustainable Jersey certification next year. The Commission will discuss this matter at another meeting when the absent Commissioners are present.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

Passaic County Herbicide Application – The Commission's Secretary advised that a memo was provided to the Township Administrator with the comments expressed by the Commission at the August meeting. The Commissioners observed that Passaic County was still spraying along the roadsides, and the Secretary commented that she observed them recently spraying on a windy day which caused the spray to drift out on to the road way and passing cars.

Autumn Lights – October 14, 2017 – Tim Dalton advised that he located a box with green tote bags that the Commission distributed at Autumn Lights in 2015. He also located brochures on composting and recycling and will drop off the items at the Planning Dept. Prior to the event, he and the Secretary will sort through the items to prepare them for ALF. Mr. Dalton will contact Rocky Hazelman to confirm the Commission's attendance at Autumn Lights since he did not see the Environmental Commission listed with the vendor and civic groups. The Secretary advised that she mailed in the ALF registration in May or June when notices were received from ALF.

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The minutes from the August 7, 2017 regular meeting of the West Milford Environmental Commission were **approved** on a **motion** by Jim Rogers and a **second** by Dave Ofshinsky.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: The following correspondence items were reviewed by the Commission:

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence – None.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. Suspected Hazardous Discharge report received from the NJDEP, dated August 18, 2017, for Shop Rite Shopping Center, Marshall Hill Road, Block 6303; Lot 15, regarding a small puddle of oil in the parking lot.
2. No Further Action correspondence received from the NJDEP, dated August 16, 2017, regarding 11 Land Of Oaks Drive, Block 16702; Lot 4, for the removal of a 550 gal #2 H.O. UST.
3. Suspected Hazardous Discharge report received from the NJDEP, dated August 12, 2017, for 9 Ramapo Road, Block 4107; Lot 5, regarding the removal of a 550 Gallon #2 Heating Oil UST, with clean up pending.

4. Suspected Hazardous Discharge report received from the NJDEP, dated August 15, 2017, for 2925 Rt. 23, Block 15804; Lot 14, regarding the removal of a 3000 Gallon Gasoline UST removal, with clean up pending.
5. Suspected Hazardous Discharge report received from the NJDEP, dated August 11, 2017, for 11 Wanaque Road, Block 4108; Lot5, regarding the removal of a 1000 Gallon #2 Heating Oil UST removal, with clean up pending.
6. Response Action Outcome, dated August 1, 2017, received from Professional Environmental Associates, LLC for Pals Forever Preschool, 454 Germantown Road, Block 14002; Lot 1, for the remediation of the site, and advising that the potable well at this location has been sampled within the past three years and has demonstrated that the potable water does not contain contaminants above the maximum contaminant levels established.
7. No Further Action correspondence received from the NJDEP, dated August 24, 2017, regarding 140 Long Pond Road, Block 4102; Lot 7, for the removal of one 550 gallon #2 Heating Oil UST.
8. Suspected Hazardous Discharge report received from the NJDEP, dated August 26, 2017, for violation of water PH from a contamination remediation system at Phillips 66 Gas Station, 1367 Union Valley Road, Block 7508; Lot 16. Measures have been taken to rectify – NJDES Permit #NJG0076511.
9. Suspected Hazardous Discharge report received from the NJDEP, dated August 26, 2017, regarding 84 Weaver Road, Block 12501; Lot 23 for chemical (motor oil, brake fluid) spills at a salvage yard near a residential home, with suspected contamination of a well.
10. Response Action Outcome, dated August 24, 2017, received from Kleinfelder regarding a former Exxon Facility at 1 Lakeside Road, Block 3504; Lot 3, Preferred ID #016861, advising that the remediation for groundwater contamination from gasoline underground storage tanks and associated appurtenances has been completed.
11. NJDEP Permit #WCP160001 for Potable Water Supply received for Woodland Heights Homeowners Association regarding upgrades to the existing Woodland Heights HOA water system comprising construction of a new source of water supply Well #3, rehabilitation of existing North and South Wells, and installation of approximately 3,040 LF of 4 inch CLDIP water main extension to replace existing deteriorated water distribution mains to serve the existing Woodland Heights residential development.
12. Suspected Hazardous Discharge report received from the NJDEP, dated September 1, 2017, regarding the gas station at Marshall Hill Road, Block 5701; Lot 3, advising that a line check for diesel tank was conducted and a leak was discovered under the dispenser. Repairs and clean-up are pending.
13. Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit & 5 Year Extension Verification application received from PK Environmental, dated August 31, 2017, on behalf of Inserra/West Milford LLC for Block 6303; Lot 12, 47 Marshall Hill Road, regarding the proposed construction of a single family residence.
14. Receptor Evaluation & Public Notification dated August 28, 2017 received from SRG-Site Remediation Group regarding 2897 Rt. 23 So., Block 15804; Lot 18, Newfoundland BP – Waseem Ent., NJDEP Case # 16-05-25-1009-26.

Miscellaneous

1. ANJEC Webinar – Plug Into The Electric Vehicle Boom - How your town can be part of electric vehicle revolution – Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017, 6:30 pm.
2. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District (HEPSCD) certification of a soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated July 11, 2017, received for Tennessee Gas Pipeline – TN Gas 2017

Low Potential Remediation 300L Recoats for Goldfinch Lane and Cherry Ridge Road, with a total of 0.39 acres to be disturbed.

3. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District (HEPSCD) certification of a soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated July 6, 2017, received for Tennessee Gas Pipeline – TN Gas 2017 Anomaly Digs 300-1 Line MLV 325-1 to MLV 329-1 for Plymouth Road and Greenwood Lake Tpk., with a total of 0.66 acres to be disturbed.

4. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District (HEPSCD) certification of a soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated July 14, 2017, received for Nosenzo Pond Park Project, Nosenzo Pond Road, Block 9302; Lot 16, with 4.83 acres to be disturbed.

5. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District (HEPSCD) certification of a soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated July 25, 2017, received for Shiloh Bible Camp – Maintenance Building and Indoor Pool, 753 Burnt Meadow Road, Block 6002; Lot 47, with 0.65 acres to be disturbed.

6. Copy of memo, dated August 30, 2017, to the Township Administration from the West Milford Environmental Commission providing comments regarding Passaic County roadside herbicide spraying.

7. Copy of memo dated September 7, 2017 to the Township Administrator from the Planning Board transmitting proposed Aquifer/Well Testing Ordinance amendments for Council consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – A resident from Mapleshade Road was in attendance and inquired about the duties of the Commission. He then recounted his issues with a neighboring property owner and his well, and noted that he was not having much success with the Health Dept. or the NJDEP about suspected contamination. He was advised to contact the Township Health Officer for assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Dave Ofshinsky provided a brief update on the West Milford Municipal Utilities Authority pending sale to Suez Water. He reviewed some of the issues that resulted in the proposal, one of which included the high cost for repairs of aging (40-50 year old) M.U.A. facilities to keep them up to the current standards. With transfer of ownership to a larger company, the costs for upgrades or consolidations will be spread out among a larger number of users. He noted that the Township did not receive any tax revenue from the M.U.A. properties where the plants were located, but Suez will be taxed on the properties when they assume ownership. He advised that there will be meetings for the public prior to the sale.

With no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, the September 11, 2017 meeting was **adjourned** at 8:40 p.m. on a **motion** by Tim Dalton and a second by Doug Ott.

Approved: October 2, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya E. Cubby, Secretary