

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

7:30 P.M.

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 and the Record. 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. The Main Meeting Room is ADA accessible; special needs can be accommodated by contacting the Planning Department at (973) 728-2798.

ROLL CALL

Regular Members: Andrew Abdul, Gillian Hemstead, Timothy Metcalf, Douglas Ott, Bernie Stapleton, David Watson-Hallowell, Chairman Stephen Sangle

Alternates: Maryellen Gabay, Gary Oppenheimer

PRESENTATIONS – None.

APPLICATIONS –

MICHAEL J. HOEK

Minor Site Plan #PB-05-09-01

Bulk Variance

Block 7903; Lot 12

1468 Union Valley Road; VC Zone

Granted: Minor Site Plan and Variance for establishment of photography studio on 2nd floor; repair and striping of parking lot; installation of handicap ramp. No enlargement of building footprint.

VINCENT LANZA

Use Variance #ZBO-07-09-05

Block 9501; Lot 12

1383 Macopin Road; R-3

Granted: Use Variance to permit a restaurant with country inn and a country store.

HECTOR ROJAS

Use Variance, #0840-0818

Block 11102; Lot 6.03

850 Westbrook Road, R-4 Zone

Seeking: Use Variance to convert 3-car garage to a residence for applicant's parents.

Hearing Date: September 22, 2009

TELECOMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS - None.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW

604(b) OTWS Grant: Status Report.

2004 Greenwood Lake 319H Grant and 2007 Stormwater Implementation 319H Grant: Status Report.

Streetscape Grant: Status Report.

Urban Forestry Grants: Status Report.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Community Forestry Plan: Status report.

Lakes Committee: Status Report.

Wetland Mitigation Project: Status Report.

Open Space Subcommittee: Status Report.

Renewable Energy Subcommittee: Update.

Sustainable Jersey: Update.

Trails Master Plan: Update

NEW BUSINESS

Beaver Dams at Environmental Boardwalk

Autumn Lights Festival

November 2, 2009 Meeting Change to November 9, 2009

Model Highlands Element for Municipal Master Plans

Meeting Dates for 2010 Township Calendar – Review and Approve

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the June 1, 2009 regular meeting, the July 6, 2009 regular meeting, and the August 3, 2009 regular meeting of the West Milford Environmental Commission.

HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT

1. Letter dated July 31, 2009 from Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla for Tennessee Gas Pipeline to NJ DEP regarding Highlands Exemption for the 300 Line Project – Eastern Alternative, specifically requesting that this alternative project be assigned a separate Program Interest Number and Activity Number than the original primary route for the 300 Line Project that is currently under review for exemption.
2. Notice and application from Dr. Greg Rubenstein for a Highlands Exemption #2 for Block 4201; Lot 12, 49 Lake Park Terrace.
3. Copy of revised plans for a Highlands Determination and Northeast Water Quality Management Plan, dated August 5, 2009, received from Schwanewede/Hals Engineering for Shoebox Storage, LLC, 140 Oak Ridge Road, Block 16006; Lot 1.01.
4. Letter from the NJDEP dated September 9, 2009 to Jack Levkovitz regarding Village on Ridge, Block 5203; Lots 1-14, 19-30; Block 5204; Lots 2-15; Block 5205; Lots 1-9; Block 5202; Lots 1-3 & 6, confirming that the Exemption #3 issued in 2006 was still valid and the CLUE letter issued in February 2009 was rescinded.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

1. Copy of an application dated July 30, 2009 from MAP Engineering for a GP#25 – Septic Alteration, for 119 Apple Lane, Block 16504; Lot 9.
2. Copy of an application from the Township of West Milford with the NJ DEP dated July 29, 2009 regarding miscellaneous erosion remediation and park improvements.
3. Application to the NJ DEP dated July 29, 2009 from John Willekes for 30 Circle Drive, Block 16307; Lot 2 for repair of an existing malfunctioning septic system.
4. Copy of a letter to the NJ DEP Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks regarding SB Petroleum, 555 Warwick Tpk, addressing the deficiencies noted in the DEP's NOD letter of July 9, 2009.
5. NJDEP Child Care Facility Approval letter dated July 20, 2009 received for Circle Time Castle, 65 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, Block 15101; Lot 3.

6. Notice of an application for a GP#25 for Roy and Karen Praschil, Block 905; Lot 6, 27 Florence Road, West Milford, regarding proposed installation of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system.
7. Notice of an application for a GP#25 for John Mileski, Block 16201; Lot 6, 12 Albertine Place, West Milford, regarding proposed replacement of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system.
8. Notice of an application for a GP#25 for William Thayer, Block 2609; Lot 1, 11 Glenwood Road, West Milford, regarding proposed installation of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system.
9. Notice of Approval of Extension Request until August 30, 2009 for SBP Petroleum, 555 Warwick Tpk, regarding submission of a carbon change out schedule.
10. Notice from the NJ DEP to Kanouse Enterprises, Kanouse & Brown Road, Newfoundland, dated July 31, 2009, regarding remediation of the site, following contamination from an underground storage tank, noting that the contamination is not initially identified as being a significant risk to humans or ecological receptors, permitting the remediation to continue, and outlining the procedures.
11. Notice of Draft Permit Actions regarding Scrap Metal Industrial Stormwater General Permit (SM2) and Vehicle Recycling Industrial Stormwater General Permit (RVR), advising that the DEP recognizes the significant difference between the two industries, with separate permitting standards set for each with the issuance of new permits.
12. Notice from the NJ DEP dated August 6, 2009 to Camp Vacamas, 256 Macopin Road, West Milford, regarding the Henion Pond Dam, NJ File # 22-18, advising that “prior to approval of plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of the dam incorporating the reduced SDF, the owners must provide written acknowledgement of this responsibility” to modify their dam to provide additional spillway capacity. Deadline for submission of Conceptual Alternative Analyses is December 1, 2009.
13. Letter from the NJ DEP dated August 6, 2009 to the Upper Greenwood Lake POA regarding the Upper Greenwood Lake Dam, referencing the 2009 Formal Dam Safety Inspection Report by Gerald Cross, P.E., advising that a review of that report and the DEP’s records finds the dam to be in satisfactory condition with maintenance and minor repairs necessary, and advising that an updated Emergency Action Plan is required by 10/10/09.
14. Notice from the NJ DEP dated August 31, 2009 regarding signs that will be posted at sites being remediated by the DEP or other parties, and advising that public funds are being used to cover the costs of the sign installation. The signs will be 2’ x 3’ and will say “Environmental Investigation/Cleanup in Progress at this Site” and provide contact information for the DEP.
15. Notice from the NJ DEP dated August 18, 2009 regarding Agatha Majchrzak for 28 Mountain Spring Road, Block 13901; Lot 8, advising of No Further Action and Covenant Not to Sue.
16. NJDEP Application for a GP 25 received August 20, 2009 from Michael DelVecchio, 52 Krattiger Court, Block 10301; Lot 16, regarding installation of a sub surface sanitary disposal system.
17. Authorization for a GP 25 and Waiver of Transition Area for Access received from the NJDEP on August 7, 2009 for Stephanie Vreeland, Block 16504; Lot 9.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Report from Passaic County Planning Dept. dated July 28, 2009 regarding Jack Jaust, Block 16005; Lot 12, 96 Oak Ridge Road, withholding approval of a site plan pending receipt of revised plans for drainage, TV inspection of abandoned pipe, permission from Newark Watershed to discharge stormwater across Newark’s property, and agreement to maintain abandoned drainage system being used by applicant.
2. Notice from the Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation of certification of soil erosion and sediment plan for Ken Carroll, 26 Commanche Lane, Block 401; Lots 19 & 21.
3. Notice from the Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation of certification of soil erosion and sediment plan for Scott Leonescu, Warwick Tpk SFD, 694 Warwick Tpk, West Milford, Block 1816; Lot 1.

4. Notice from Ross Kusher from the Pequannock River Coalition regarding the cooperative effort between Newark Watershed and the NJDEP with reference to the recent release of bottom water from the Oak Ridge Reservoir into the Pequannock River.
5. Notice from ANJEC regarding the Environmental Achievement Award nominations that are due by Wednesday, September 9, 2009.
6. Letter dated September 10, 2009 to Anthony Patire from Kevin Boyle, Township Administrator, regarding West Milford Lake, advising Mr. Patire to contact the Highlands Council about possible development of the West Milford Lake site, and also advising of a re-evaluation of properties at this site to identify whether a lake association exists, and the possibility of assessment on these properties for dam repair costs.
7. Notice from Synergy Environmental, Inc., dated September 1, 2009, regarding ongoing environmental investigations at Lakeside Amoco, 2 Lakeside Road, Block 3609; 16, and advising that groundwater contamination at the site is being remediated.
8. Notice from Lukoil, Getty Petroleum, dated August 13, 2009, regarding remediation of environmental contamination at 1367 Union Valley Road, Block 7508; Lot 16.
9. Notice sent to Scott Leonescu, Your Home Team, from the Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District, dated August 12, 2009, regarding Papscoe Road & Chickadee Lane, Block 2312; Lot 16, certifying the soil erosion and sediment control plan submitted.
10. Notice from Brockerhoff Environmental Services, dated August 28, 2009, regarding SB Petroleum, 555 Warwick Tpk., advising of coordination of potable well sampling at the site.
11. Notice from PSE&G regarding removal of vegetation along the electric transmission right-of-way in West Milford Township beginning on or about October 1, 2009 through April 1, 2010.
12. Notice from GES Groundwater & Environmental Services received August 31, 2009 regarding investigation of environmental conditions at the former Exxon station, currently the Petro Two, Inc., at 4 Marshall Hill Road, Block 5701: Lot 3.
13. Township Ordinance #2009-022 amending and supplementing certain portions of Chapter 138, "Fertilizers, Application Of."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT