

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 6, 2006

Chairman, Stephen Sangle, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Timothy Metcalf. Alternate: Irene Smith

Chairman appointed Mr. Abdul to sit for Mr. Metcalf.

APPLICATIONS – None.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Preliminary & Final Site Plan #0520-0221AB, Block 1701; Lot 59, 776 Warwick Turnpike; LR Zone. William Drew advised that this is a collocation on an existing facility and no expansion was proposed to the compound area housing the equipment. No comments.

SEPTIC MAINTENANCE

Councilman Joseph Smolinski was present and advised the Commission that the Township Council had scheduled a discussion for March 27th regarding vendors advising the Health Department when they pump out a septic system. Mr. Smolinski had researched the matter and displayed a form being utilized by Sparta Township, which he noted had a mandatory pumping ordinance. Members suggested that requesting companies to report their activity would be a starting point in creating a database. Mr. Sparkes advised that he was collecting data and creating a database for the Greenwood Lake watershed area and this information could be added to that project. Mr. Smolinski suggested that a member of the Commission make a presentation to the Township Council on their activities. Stephen Sangle and Gillian Hemstead volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA 3: Bernie Stapleton advised that no meeting had been held.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDWALK: William Drew advised that the delivery of the material from Home Depot had been arranged. Also, the contract with the Mr. Flader had been agreed to and would be signed shortly. Mr. Flader to start work

on the repairs as soon as weather permitted. This project was funded through a County grant.

GREENWOOD LAKE 319H GRANT: Robert Sparkes noted he would be attending a meeting of the Bi-State Commission next week and would provide a report at the next meeting.

BELCHERS CREEK FECAL TESTING GRANT: Nothing new to report.

WEST MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL WATER MONITORING WEBSITE: Mr. Sparkes and Douglas Ott to schedule meeting with the High School Environmental Club.

NEW BUSINESS

604(B) GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Sparkes reported that the final figure for this grant was \$96,400. Additional funds could be applied in the future. Mr. Sparkes outlined the study area as the south end of Pinecliff Lake to Greenwood Lake. It was noted that the purpose of the grant is to conduct an in depth analysis to determine the source of the fecal coliform.

At the request of the Commission Mr. Sparkes to prepare a summary of all the grants currently being worked on and email it to all members.

ANJEC 2006 PLANNING GRANTS: William Drew Discussion regarding advised that after discussion with the Planning Board, the Township Administrator and Engineer, it was determined that West Milford Lakes would be an appropriate area to concentrate on. He outlined the history of the area and the dam and noted that the site could possibly be utilized as a park. The grant would provide community planning and build a consensus within the community as to the best use of the property. Members recommended the grant the Township apply for the grant.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the February 6, 2006 regular meeting. Carried.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The following correspondence was noted and filed:

Notice dated February 1, 2006 advising that Marco and Kristen Silvestri are applying for a General Permit for the installation of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system for property located at 68 Charcoal Road, Block 15302; Lot 21.03.

Letter dated February 8, 2006 from McKittrick Engineering Associates, Inc. advising that Robert Mazzocchi is applying for a Treatment Works Approval for property located on Club House Trail, Block 504; Lot 1.

Notice dated February 8, 2006 advising that Darren & Rosemary Derin are applying for a General Permit for the installation of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system for property located at 31 Birchwood Pass, Block 5715; Lot 4.

Notice dated February 13, 2006 advising that Vincent Lanza is applying for a Letter of Interpretation for property located on Longhouse Drive, Block 2101; Lots 4.01 and 4.02.

Notice dated February 9, 2006 advising that David J. Daly is applying for a General Permit #25 for property located at 12 Newton Drive, Block 12305; Lot 21 for the repair of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system.

Notice dated February 10, 2006 advising that Goran Todovoric is applying for a General Permit #25 for property located at 1994 Macopin Road, Block 7902; Lot 2 for the repair of an existing septic system.

HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT

The following correspondence was noted and filed:

Notices that the following applicants have applied for a Highlands Applicability Determination:

Charles Russo - Layton Road; Block 1903; Lot 11.

Shiloh Bible Camp -753 Burnt Meadow Road; Block 6002; Lot 47.

John Marcellaro - Maple Road; Block 10817; Lots 4, 5, 9.

Vincent Lanza - 1383 Macopin Road (Vreeland Store); Block 9501; Lot 12.

Passaic County - Apshawa Tract; Block 13501; Lot 5.

Eugene R. Prais – 114 Dockerty Hollow Road; Block 8401; Lots 22 and 23

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated February 13, 2006 from Rachel Hurford and Andrew Lea requesting the Chairman invite the Mayor to join the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement by signing on to an enclosed resolution. Commission recommended letter be forwarded to Mayor without recommendation.

Copy of Township Resolution 2006 – 049 establishing an energy committee, which is to include a member of the Environmental Commission.

Stephen Sangle nominated Timothy Metcalf to represent the Environmental Commission on the Energy Committee. Seconded by Bernie Stapleton. On voice vote all members voted in the affirmative.

MISCELLANEOUS

West Brook Project: Robert Sparkes advised that Ross Kushner of the Pequannock River Coalition had appeared before the Township Council, which adopted a resolution in support of his project to monitor the water. It was also noted that Mr. Kushner had received a 319H grant from the DEP for the project. Bernie Stapleton to keep Commission informed on progress of project.

Alternative Septic Systems: Robert Sparkes advised of several meetings to be held on this matter. He will email the members with the details.

Autumn Lights: Andy Abdul contacted the USEPA and received a list of publications that are available to the public. He has requested several of the publications for distribution at the Fair.

Open Space: Daniel Kochakji noted that the subcommittee was to meet to identify additional properties for possible purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace R. Davis
Secretary