

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 2, 2007

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Douglas Ott, Bernie Stapleton, Stephen Sangle. Alternate: Andrew Abdul.

Absent: Maryellen Gabay, Gillian Hemstead, Timothy Metcalf. Alternate: Irene Smith. Planning Director: William Drew. GIS Specialist: Robert Sparkes

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

APPLICATIONS – None.

TELECOMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephen Sangle reported that he had attended a seminar on energy recently and advised the members about alternate energy sources, such as windmills. Mr. Sangle explained how the windmills work and the proposed savings. Information he collected on new products and ways to conserve energy to be emailed to members. It was recommended that some of this information be distributed at the next Autumn Lights Festival.

ON GOING BUSINESS

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN: It was noted that the public comment period had been extended to May 11th.

604(B) GRANT APPLICATION: No report.

2004 GREENWOOD LAKE 319H GRANT: No report.

2007 STORMWATER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT 319H GRANT: No report.

STREETSCAPE GRANT: No report.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN: Stephen Sangle received an inquiry from Ronald Farr regarding status of the project. Councilman Smolinski noted that a resolution was adopted at the last Council meeting.

ANJEC: 2007 Planning Grants – Resolution. Resolution accepting grant was adopted by the Council.

ENERGY COMMITTEE: Report emailed by Timothy Metcalf read by Andrew Abdul. He noted that the committee met last week with a representative from Honeywell to go over the utility assessment. Two buildings (the Municipal and the Library) appear to be expensive compared to similar buildings. It was noted that the library just installed a new HVAC system and that should be monitored to see if it has a measurable benefit (which it should). The next steps being pursued are twofold. The Town Manager will discuss contracting requirements with the Township Attorney to see if the Honeywell program is acceptable to West Milford and to have a Honeywell representative meet with the Council in a working session to answer questions and get their buy-in if they want to commit to a more intensive review of buildings in order to draw up a proposal.

LAKES COMMITTEE: No report.

URBAN FORESTRY GRANTS: Stephen Sangle and Douglas Ott inspected the boardwalk and marked the boards that needed to be repaired. Decision to be made as to the viability of spending money to replace the boards or to look for a better solution to the problem.

LAWN FERTILIZERS ORDINANCE: Ordinance adopted. The timing of the ordinance was discussed. Members noted that most businesses had already ordered their supplies and would not be able to comply with the ordinance. Councilman Smolinski was present and inquired if any notification had been made to local retailers. Council to consider a grace period. Douglas Ott noted that he visited several facilities and they were unaware of ordinance. Mr. Ott to advise Sears, Eden Farms, Battinelli and John's Garden Center of new ordinance.

WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT: Ramapo College-Wallisich Estates Property. Nothing new to report.

ANNUAL REPORT: Yearly report from Environmental Commission to Township Council. Gillian Hemstead and Robert Sparkes to do presentation to Council. Stephen Sangle suggested that David Watson-Hallowell of Sustainable West Milford address the Council at the same time. Date for presentation to be determined.

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Approval of minutes of the March 5, 2007 regular meeting. Carried to April meeting.

HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice dated March 13, 2007 from the DEP advising that the Operation and Maintenance manual and permit application for the Carpi Lake Dam is overdue. Noted and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Watson-Hallowell of Sustainable West Milford advised that the group was going to conduct a tree planting for Arbor Day. He also noted that a clean up of Highlander Drive and Clinton Road had been conducted, which were very well attended. The lack of lids on the dumpsters at the high school and how that contributes to the debris along the road was discussed. Mr. Watson-Hallowell further advised the group would have a booth at the Relay for Life and at a Pinecliff Lake event and offered to distribute literature for the Commission. Mr. Sangle noted that some of these activities would satisfy the education aspects of some of the grants the Commission was working on. Mr. Watson-Hallowell to email minutes of the group to Commission secretary for forwarding to members.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace R. Davis
Secretary