

# TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES

**September 12, 2005**

Vice Chairman, Douglas Ott, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Gillian Hemstead, Daniel Kochakji, Douglas Ott, Bernie Stapleton.  
Alternate: Irene Smith. GIS Specialist: Robert Sparkes

Absent: Maryellen Gabay, Timothy Metcalf, Stephen Sangle. Alternate:  
Richard Castronova. Planning Director: William Drew.

Chairman appointed Irene Smith to sit for Ms. Gabay.

### APPLICATIONS

**VINCENT LANZA, Minor Subdivision #0510-1976, Preliminary and Final Site Plan #0520-219AB, Bulk Variance #0530-0718**, Block 9501; Lot 12, 1383 Macopin Road; R-3 Zone. Waiver of Environmental Impact Statement. The applicant was not present. After discussion the Board granted the applicant's request for a waiver of the EIS. However, the members requested that any lights be shielded from the adjoining properties.

**JACK JAUST, Preliminary & Final Site Plan #0520-0222AB**, Block 16005; Lot 12, 96 Oak Ridge Road; CC Zone. The applicant was present and explained his proposed project. After discussion the Commission granted the applicant's request for a waiver of the EIS.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES** – None.

### OLD BUSINESS

**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA 3:** Robert Sparkes reported that a meeting was scheduled with Pat Rector of the DEP to discuss 604(b) grants. He noted that West Milford might be eligible for one of these grants and suggested an application be submitted for a grant to develop a management plan for an on site wastewater treatment system. It was further noted that Princeton Hydro had expressed an interest in helping to write the grant, which must be submitted by November 2, 2005.

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDWALK:** Robert Sparkes reported that a response had been received from the Trex Co. advising that they would supply replacement decking for the boardwalk. This offer does not include the cost of labor or removal of the damaged boards. List of board profile and length to be submitted to the company. Also, James Rogers, Passaic County, advised William Drew that the transfer of funds to cover the cost of the project had been approved by the

Freeholder Planning Committee. It must now be reviewed and approved by the Freeholders, who are scheduled to meet on September 27, 2005.

**GREENWOOD LAKE 319H GRANT:** Robert Sparkes advised that sampling had started. Princeton Hydro, grant consultant, reported to the Health Department that an odorous flow from the outfall located at Greenwood Lake Turnpike and Belcher's Creek was being tested.

**BELCHERS CREEK FECAL TESTING GRANT:** Robert Sparkes reported that several Commission members had been conducting sampling of the Creek. Agra Environmental was testing these samples and several of the reports had been received. Tests results to be reviewed by subcommittee prior to presentation to Commission. He noted that a representative of Agra would be willing to speak to the members at a future meeting. Members suggested he be invited to the next Commission meeting. Several suggestions for additional testing were discussed.

**WEST MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL WATER MONITORING WEBSITE:** No report.

**STORM DRAIN STENCILING:** No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**AUTUMN LIGHTS:** Commission agreed to participate in festival. Gillian Hemstead and Douglas Ott offered to staff the Commission table. Educational material to be supplied by Robert Sparkes. It was suggested that Matt Gabay be contacted for help from the Boy Scouts.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY:** Douglas Ott reported on a State program for providing funding for the installation of renewable energy sources. He provided a web site address for those interested in pursuing the matter.

**PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT:** Robert Sparkes met with the Passaic County Open Space Committee at the Eagle Ridge and Sheridan properties. Daniel Kochakji suggested the Commission subcommittee meet to discuss future priorities.

## **MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Douglas Ott, seconded by Daniel Kochakji, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2005 regular meeting. On voice vote all eligible members voted in the affirmative.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The following correspondence was received and filed:

Notice dated August 3, 2005 advising that Somerville, LLC is applying for an exemption from the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act for property located at 240 Long House Road, Block 2202; Lot 5.01.

Notice dated July 25, 2005 advising that Robert Coyman (Browns Point Plaza) is applying for an exemption from the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act for property located at 1975 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Block 3610; Lot 26.

Notice received July 28, 2005 advising that Walter Crane is applying for a General Permit No. 25 for property located at 20 Cooper Road, Block 16303; Lot 5 for the installation of a subsurface sanitary disposal system.

Notice received August 4, 2005 advising that Daniel Oostdyk is applying for a General Permit No. 25 for property located at 28 Somerville Road, Block 8505; Lot 1 for the installation of a new septic system.

Notice dated August 1, 2005 advising that Vincent Lanza is applying for a Highlands Applicability Determination for property located at 1383/1385 Macopin Road, Block 9501; Lot 12.

Notice dated August 19, 2005 advising that Marilyn Shabet is applying for a General Permit #25 for the installation of a sub-surface sanitary disposal system on property located at 4 Truro Road, Block 12307; Lot 44.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copy of letter dated August 12, 2005 from William Drew to White Environmental Services advising that Douglas Ott was designated as the liaison from the Commission to work with them and Ramapo College on the Wetland Mitigation Project proposed for the Wallisch Estates property. Received and filed.

Copy of *The Peguannock Post*, August 2005. Received and filed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one wished to speak.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace R. Davis  
Secretary