

# TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES  
March 7, 2005

Chairman, Stephen Sangle, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Timothy Metcalf. Alternates: Irene Smith.

Mr. Sangle advised that, due to his work schedule, Les Lynn had requested to be removed as an alternate to the Commission. Mr. Lynn, however, assured the members that he would be happy to help when needed.

## APPLICATIONS

**DEMOTT POST, Minor Subdivision #0410-1971**, Block 12106; Lots 2 and 3, 802 and 810 Macopin Road; R-2 Zone. Relocate lot line. The applicant was not present. Planning Director, William Drew, explained the proposal. Members had no comments regarding this application.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

**NEW YORK SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS , (MACOPIN FIRE HOUSE), Preliminary & Final Site Plan #0420-0201AB**, Block 9301; Lot 6, 1362 Macopin Road; R-3 Zone. Colocate antennas on an existing telecommunications facility. Anikumar R. Avutu, Esq. was present for the applicant. Proposed application explained by William Drew. He advised that the Planning Board Consulting Landscape Architect had been requested to provide a report on the existing landscaping. Members had no comments regarding this matter.

## OLD BUSINESS

**BELCHER'S CREEK:** Follow-up from Environmental Commission meeting with Pat Rector, DEP representative from Division of Watershed Management. William Drew advised that he had spoken to Pat Rector, who wanted to use this project on the DEP web site as a demonstration of the completion of a successful project. Mr. Drew advised that the information with regard to volunteer efforts will be forwarded to her to complete the project.

**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA 3:** No report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDWALK:** Final review of request for bids for repair, advertise in March 2005. Stephen Sangle prepared a request for proposal for the repair of the boardwalk, which was distributed to the members for their review. This proposal was also reviewed by the Township Engineer and forwarded to the County for their review as to the pricing and scope of work. Mr. Sangle outlined the work to be completed and the estimated costs. He noted that Bob Torrance, a Township Building Inspector, had offered to act as a liaison with the contractors. A time schedule for advertising and starting the work was outlined. Submitted bids to be reviewed by the Building Department, the Township Engineer and the County. Advertisement to be placed in the Record and Herald News.

**STANFORD VILLAGE:** Members requested a letter be sent to the owner of the property asking their intentions with regard to a logging operation and how they intended to access the property. It was noted that this project was approved as part of their wood harvesting plan, which was approved by the State Forester. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to the Stowaway Association advising them of activity. Mr. Drew to contact the Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conversation representative regarding the project and whether they had jurisdiction in this matter.

## **ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

### **OPEN SPACE**

Continued discussion on prioritization of properties. Stephen Sangle suggested the following criteria for prioritizing the lands to be purchased: Maintaining the greenway originally established by the Commission; scenic vistas; recharge areas in the aquifer; fish and animal habitats; parks and recreation; environmentally sensitive areas; and, mature and endangered tree stands. Mr. Drew noted that this was in keeping with the 1978 Open Space Plan, which was an open space and recreation plan. He also noted that the plan was currently being reviewed by the DEP. Members requested a list of properties within the greenbelt for review at a future meeting. Members requested this item continue to be placed on agenda for further discussion on progress.

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Appointment of subcommittees for various aspects of educational program. Stephen Sangle noted that one of the responsibilities of the Commission was the education aspect of the Plan. Mr. Sangle suggested that this should be an ongoing agenda item to document what the members have accomplished in this regard. Mr. Drew advised that the Township Engineer had forwarded forms from the DEP, which requested information on how the Township was conforming with the new stormwater management regulations.

Bernie Stapleton noted that he had located a distributor of organic fertilizers, who was willing to speak to any group regarding this issue. Members suggested that this be put on a web site. They also suggested that the Pinecliff Lake Environmental representative be contacted as a possible venue for this presentation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**K. HOVNIANIAN AT WEST MILFORD/EAGLE RIDGE:** Water quality test of Morsetown Brook. Members requested a copy be forwarded to Les Lynn for his review and comments. It was noted that these studies were to establish a base line from which to compare water quality when construction starts. It was suggested that the Commission maintain the option to perform random tests if deemed necessary.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The following correspondence was noted and filed:

Notice dated January 27, 2005 advising that Robert Coyman is applying for a Letter of Interpretation for property located on Burrows Road, Block 2018; Lot 7.

Notice dated February 18, 2005 from the Division of Water Supply advising of a public hearing for the "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Proposed Priority System Intended Use Plan, and Project Priority List for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006" to be held April 6, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the DEP headquarter in Trenton.

Authorization dated February 16, 2005 for the request of Harold and Marie Hansen for a General Permit No. 25 and Waiver of Transition Area for Access for the repair of a septic system.

Notice dated February 2, 2005 advising that Victor and Blanche Pizzulo are applying for approval of the location of a replacement to an existing failed subsurface sewage disposal system on property located at 86 Otterhole Road, Block 11601; Lot 4.

Letter dated February 8, 2005 advising of the pre-cancellation of an application for a Letter of Interpretation submitted by Michael Costello for property known as Block 6403; Lot 1.02.

Notice dated February 18, 2005 advising that Gerald McGovern is apply for a General Permit for the installation of a subsurface sanitary disposal system for property located at 33 Madelyn Avenue, Block 6604; Lot 2.

Application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit received February 22, 2005 for Jersey Central Power & Light Company for maintenance along right of ways in various municipalities and counties.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copy of Resolution Establishing a Township Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team adopted by the Township Council on February 10, 2005. Received and filed.

Notice dated February 18, 2005 that the Borough of Kinnelon will be holding a public hearing on March 3, 2005 for a proposed amendment to its Master Plan. Received and filed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one wished to speak.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace R. Davis  
Secretary