

Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
December 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Main Meeting Room

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. A copy has been filed with the Township Clerk's office and posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on the Township's website. Please take note of the Fire Exits located in this room in the event of an emergency.

ROLL CALL

Regular Members: James Lyons, James Rogers, Thomas Tamayne, Douglas Trainor, Don Weise, Chairman Stephen Sangle.

Alternate Members: Alt #1 ; Alt #2

PRESENTATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

DALE JONES

Minor Subdivision & Bulk Variance #PB-07-22-06

Block 12304, Lots 14 & 4.01
20 Penmere Road; LR Zone

Seeking: Minor Subdivision and Bulk Variance approvals for a lot line adjustment, with variances requested for minimum lot area where 4 acres is required and 3.95 is proposed for Lot 4.01; minimum rear yard setback where 125 ft is required and 35 ft is proposed for Lot 4.01; maximum impervious coverage where 20% is permitted and 45.72% exists (Lot 14); and maximum building coverage where 2000 sq ft is permitted and 2150 sq ft exists. No new construction is proposed.

ISRAEL KATZ

Bulk Variance #ZB-09-22-16

Block 3406; Lot 12
54 Old Lakeside Road; R-1 Zone

Seeking: Bulk Variance approvals for side yard setback where 30 ft is required, 6.9 ft exists, and 6.9 is proposed; and building lot coverage where 10% is permitted, 14.2% exists, and 15.8% is proposed for the expansion of an existing dwelling and addition of an in-ground pool.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Greenway Proposal – Review/Update.

Belchers Creek Testing: Update.

Community Forestry Mgt. Plan: Update.

Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission: Report.

Lakes Committee: Report.

Open Space Committee: Update.

Environmental Contamination Issues: Report.

WM Environmental Boardwalk: Update on phragmites treatment.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

Suez/Veolia - Birch Hill Petition – Opposition to Veolia Development.

2023 Environmental Commission Meeting Dates – Review and Approve.

Tree Removal Ordinances – Review revised Draft Tree Removal ordinance.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from recent Environmental Commission meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence

1.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. Suspected Hazardous Discharge notification #22-11-15-0810-56, dated Nov. 16, 2022, regarding the Tennessee Gas Pipeline, 960 Burnt Meadow Rd, Block 4601; Lot 17, for reported spill of fluids (hydraulic oil) from a malfunction off a tractor – non emergent – clean up complete.

2. Suspected Hazardous Discharge notification #22-11-23-0940-26, dated Nov. 24, 2022, regarding 131 Germantown Road, Block 14108; Lot 6, for removal of one 1000 gal #2 Heating Oil UST; clean up is pending.

3. Correspondence from the NJDEP – Office of Dam Safety and Flood Engineering regarding a Dam Safety Inspection Report for Carpi Lake Dam, NJ Dam File No. 22-129, dated Nov. 16, 2022, advising that the report submitted indicates that the dam is in Satisfactory condition, and implementation of the engineer’s recommendations can proceed in accordance with the report and compliance schedule, along with general maintenance. The Office of Dam Safety further advised that the inundation mapping must be updated from the topographic contours on the base mapping to the currently accepted aerial imagery to clearly show the impacted roads and buildings within the inundation area; formatting requirements are outlined in the correspondence. Updated EAP and reformatted inundation mapping to be submitted to the Office of Dam Safety by March 31, 2023.

4. Correspondence received from EnviroTrac, dated Nov. 28, 2022, regarding 2048 Rt 23 N, Block 14104; Lot 2, advising that they were contracted by Getty Properties to conduct monitoring with an approved Classification Exception Area (CEA) and Groundwater Remedial Action Permit (GWRAP”) issued by the NJDEP on April 24, 2019. Requesting information on current and potential groundwater uses within the Township and if there are planned changes in water use for the aquifers in the area where the CEA/WRA is located.

5. Public Notice and Fact Sheet dated Dec. 6, 2022 received from ARCADIS US Inc., regarding the former Texaco Station at 1457 Union Valley Road, Block 7601; Lot 2, NJDEP PI #451229, NJDEP Case #85-05-2004-00, advising that Chevron Environmental

Management Co (CEMC) is conducting ongoing remedial activities at the site to address the chemical contaminants detected, with anticipated completion by May 2024. Groundwater is currently being monitored, with POET systems at 4 homes monitored quarterly, and annual monitoring of 13 private wells offsite of the property. CEMC has been monitoring the site and properties immediately downgradient of the site for more than 25 years.

Miscellaneous

1. December FREC Events (Forest Resource Education Center, Jackson NJ): Forest Pre-school Hike - Dec 2, Holiday Greens Craft - Dec 10, Hike Day – Dec 15, Winter Solstice Hike – Dec 21
2. Shade Tree Federation – Online CEU Courses including Conference Bundles available until Dec 31, 2022.
3. ANJEC – Stormwater Management Success Stories – Dec. 7, 2022, 12pm
4. Forestry vs Ecological Restoration Webinar – Dec 28 at 7 pm - NJ Highlands Coalition www.njhighlandscoalition.org
5. \$9.95 Million in American Rescue Plan Funds for Water Quality Improvements in New Jersey including \$1 Million Water Quality Improvement Project for Greenwood Lake – Princeton Hydro, Montclair State Univ. and Northern Lights to conduct stormwater/nonpoint source management inventory, and water quality and HAB monitoring. Also planned is sediment, invasive plants and debris removal, provide nutrient inactivation in Belchers Creek and develop long term plans to improve Belchers Creek water quality and natural functions.
6. ANJEC News Dec 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT