

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Minutes approved 15 May

Meeting 17 April 2008 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attending: Ken Blom:co-chair, Jim Bruchac, Nancy Kmen, Sally Lieberman, LaVerne Utter.

Minutes from January meetings were corrected and approved. They were e-mailed to MaryAnn Johnson on 22 Mar 08.

Contact Reports

1. Town Board:(Nancy) A renewal is underway for Gaba Bros.' Junk yard. A request was made for a reduced speed limit on Daniels Rd. The spring trash collection will be at the Town Garage from 19 Apr – 26 Apr. Lack of potable drinking water in the town park was discussed.
2. Zoning Board of Appeals:(Nancy) Kelly Hurley's application was tentatively granted, pending approval by the Army Corps of Engineers.
3. Planning Board: (Sally) Roeckles are seeking approval to divide their property in Middle Grove into a residence and a trailer park. A map was requested showing the sewer system fro the residence and a public hearing may be scheduled.
4. Highway Department Many trees continue to be cut and trimmed.
5. Zoning Administration no report
6. Water Quality committee no report

Correspondence The memo from E.C.to Gary Dake about the trout stream on the Wolfe property on Hughes Rd. was noted in the minutes of the Planning Board.

Old Business

Town Parks: The Boy Scouts are planning to clean up the Town Park on May 3. It was recommended that interested EC members volunteer to help. None of those present at the meeting on 17 April will be able to participate because of prior commitments.

Wind Turbines: Ken reported: a. Regional investment efforts in the Midwest are beginning to fund small wind farms. Fifteen projects, each generating 3000-6000 megawatts will be partially owned by land-owners who will share in the profits and the responsibility. b. New NY legislation will now provides grants equal to 30-40% of the start-up cost for residential scale wind turbines. Increased applications are expected in rural areas like Greenfield. Zoning and aesthetics may become issues that we'll need to prepare for.

New Business

Future meetings will be on May 15th and June 19th.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Submitted by Ken Blom