

Meeting 15 April 2010 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Jan Hill, Co-Chair, Ken Blom, Co-Chair, Jim Bruchac, Nancy Kmen, Sally Lieberman, Vern Utter, Vincent Walsh, Pam Young

Minutes from the March 18 meeting were approved.

Contact Reports

Town Board (Vern) An unsafe building at Coombs Rd is now debris. To be inspected are: Grange Rd. lot #1, 113 Daniels Rd. where concrete has been dumped, and 40 Greene Rd. where the roof has collapsed and the owners are deceased.

ZBA (Nancy) An in-law apartment was denied because the area variance was too large.

Merchant on S. Greenfield Rd. requested a variance; since neighboring septic is a problem the variance will be contingent upon the Health Dept. approving the septic system.

PB (Sally) Only one relevant to EC: Caldwell on Locust Grove wants to subdivide but needs to know how the stream on his property is delineated.

Highway Dept. (Jan) Jan shared a draft of a letter to the Highway Dept about two issues raised to EC members: (1) who gets to keep wood when roadside trees are cut and what setback is being cleared, (2) encourage a minimal mowing of roadside while wildflowers are blooming, while maintaining necessary sight distance at intersections. A copy will go to the Town Board.

Zoning Administration (No report)

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee (Pam) Possible signage for snow mobile trails in Alder Creek-L. Desolation area.

Correspondence (Jan) None

Old Business

Town Park Jan contacted the acting supervisor who will have the picnic table repositioned near the stream in Porter Corners. The sign will be repaired with PT plywood once Dick Rowland approves the expense. Jan will remind her with an e-mail. Theresa suggested seeking Town Board approval to add park rules banning bikes on trails and in the stream. Theresa asked about plastic signs but replacing the plywood is much cheaper. Scouts will be asked if park clean-up can be scheduled in May and EC members will help out. Tree signs could be marked with streamers during the clean-up so mowers can see them.

Adopt a Roadside (Theresa) A Brigham Rd. resident who walks the road may adopt it. Theresa is merging the addresses on letters to participants; suggestions were to send a generic letter. Coy Rd. needs adopting; Vincent will ask about it at the Greenfield Business Assoc. mtg.

Wind Power (Ken) reported technologic advances: (1) a wind-vibrated membrane that generates small current for little expense, (2) Hunter Mt experiment with vertical shaft turbine clusters that focus and magnify the effect of existing wind.

New Business (Pam) Saratoga Plan has developed a County Green Infrastructure Plan. Pam will put something together about it for the Planning Board. New neighborhoods could enhance property values by documenting their relationship to natural features. (Vincent) shared a website <ISA-Arbor.com> with procedures for designating heritage trees. Heritage trees could be a way of preserving and documenting the natural features of the town like the huge tree overlooking the cemetery on Wilton Rd.

Next Meeting May 20, 2010

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 PM