

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Minutes approved 17 Sept 09

Meeting 20 August 2009 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attending: Jan Hill, Co-Chair, Ken Blom, Co-Chair, Nancy Kmen, Verne Utter, Pam Young

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as submitted.

Contact Reports

Town Board (Vern) June: Two unsafe buildings were discussed. One on Bockes Rd has been removed. The Town Garage is nearly complete; an open-house is planned for October. Paving of 2.6 miles on Strakos and Greene are proceeding. Townwide clean-up will be held on 19 Sept, No tires will be accepted.

ZBA (Nancy) July: Wetlands on Locust Grove (Cunningham property) will be divided into two parcels and presented to the Zoning Board. August: A variance has been requested to subdivide a 10A lot on Ballou Rd. in an 8A zone. Maple Ave garage to become beauty parlor was approved. Walbridge still needs a 24 ft variance. A side-yard variance was approved for a new house on Locust Grove between the railroad and Daniels Rd.

PB (Pam) July: Diane Metz presented the County Open Space Plan, already approved by County Supervisors. Copies will be available on-line at Behanplanning.com. The plan seeks to balance green infrastructure with gray infrastructure. A Mid-County trail will be accommodated. It was suggested that natural system hubs in Greenfield might be displayed on a map in the boardroom. The Kayaderosseras Overlay Map is one tool to conserve open space. The plan will remove property from tax roles but will enhance the value of other property. Lorraine Varley requested a variance and feedback on 8 acres in the Kayaderosseras Overlay. Triple J Way is being considered for 7 houses.

Highway Dept. (Vern) Strakos Rd., Greene Rd. are being widened and paved.

Zoning Administration (Nancy) Outdoor boiler regulations are still under consideration.

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee (Jan) On Sept. 13 Friends of Kayaderosseras will hold a Meet the Creek from 1:00-4:00 at Porter Corners Town Park.

Correspondence (Jan) None in mailbox

Old Business (Vern) The new blueberry plants in Porter Corners Park are thriving.

Town Parks Jan walked the trail and discovered a picnic table in the creek and signs need to be replaced. She plans to call Theresa about the tree signs. One bench is missing. The bridge was cleared of gravel.

Adopt-a-Roadside (Jan) Theresa has replacement signs for Greene Rd and Alpine Meadows Rd.

Wind Power (Ken) Reported that manufacturing at GE, Vestas, Clipper Power, and Chinese solar panel factories is growing despite the economy. Wind turbine factories are replacing two boatyards Maryland. Midwest utilities are designing new ultra-high power transmission lines to carry power to the coasts where it is needed.

New Business (none)

Next Meeting September 17, 2009

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM