

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Minutes approved 17 Mar 2011

Meeting 17 February 2011 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, Co-chair; Jan Hill, Co-Chair; Nancy Kmen; Sally Leiberman; LaVern Utter, Pam Young

Minutes of 20 January accepted as submitted.

Contact Reports

Town Board (LaVern) Three unsafe buildings are being processed: (1) one on Daniels Rd. is down, (2) lot 19 on Grange Rd. is continuing since August (3) 47 Main St. may be taken down and the property sold at the tax sale in March. The Brookhaven Park transaction may be complete in March. Revision and update of the Town Code continues.

ZBA (Nancy) Feb 1: Cluckey requested a variance to keep chickens but the application was denied because of too little acreage and opposition from the neighbors. ZBA suggested the applicant approach the Town Board about revising the code.

PB (Sally) Jan 25: Older applied to subdivide his property. The PB waived the 5-year rule and granted it. Roland Hoag on Maple Ave. near the Elks Club, requested a permit to convert an existing building to a funeral home. The property may be used for other community events but no food would be prepared. A waiver was granted without a public hearing. PB members discussed urban areas in NYS where chickens are allowed. Also, some municipalities find it advantageous to hold Planning and Zoning meetings together.

Highway Dept. (LaVern) The budget includes \$64300 to repave 7.05 mi of road: portions of Bloomfield Rd, Braim Rd., Denton Rd., Coy Rd., Canyon Crossing, Bockes Rd., and Medbury Rd.

Zoning Administration No report

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee (Jan) Nothing to report

Correspondence Received: A tree and shrub brochure was received from Saratoga Co. Soil & Water Conservation District.

Old Business

Town Parks (Jan) no report

Adopt-a-Roadside (Jan) no report

Power Lines The Public Service Commission has approved the Spier Falls Powerline.

New Business The Highway Dept was working on trees before snow fell.

Ken provided two articles summarizing the Marcellus Shale controversy elsewhere in NYS:

Clear Waters (Winter 2010): W. M. Kappel. "Hydrogeologist Reviews Marcellus Shale and Natural Gas Production in New York." and Warne and Kane. "New York City Water Supply-Assessing a Potential Threat."

Both can be read on-line. Search: Clear Waters

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM