

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Minutes approved 20 Feb

Meeting 15 January 2009 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Jan Hill Co-Chair, Ken Blom Co-Chair, Jim Bruchac, Sally Leiberman, Pam Young

Minutes from the December meeting were corrected and approved.

Contact Reports

Town Board (Jan) The Town Board reappointed EC members at the 3 Jan meeting. On Jan 8 the TB discussed the waste-oil heater planned for the new town garage.

ZBA No report

PB (Sally) Chwaz received a permit for the ice cream store on Spier Falls Rd. Hours of operation will be 10-10. Question remain about traffic flow onto Rte. 9N. Discussed the proposed Makkay subdivision of 24 lots on a 154A parcel on Goose Hollow Rd. The Army Corps of Eng. and DEC have approved flagging the 83A set-aside for wetland. Front and rear setbacks may pose concerns when building begins. Possible historical rocks on the site have been referred to the Pres. of the Historical Society. No further concerns were expressed about habitat or archeology. The EC will seek access to site plan maps, as we had in previous years. Adirondack Campground has a new plan for their septic system, which DOH has approved.

Highway Dept. No report

Zoning Administration No report

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee (Pam) Nothing pertinent to Greenfield.

Correspondence Jan displayed a brochure including contact information about EC members.

Town Parks No report

Adopt-a-Roadside No report

Wind Power Advisory Committee (Ken) Proposed regulations on wind turbines, right to farm, and outdoor wood furnaces will be submitted to the Town Board in February.

New Business (Pam) reported on newly developed vertical shaft turbines. Also, Tupper Lake has banned all new outdoor wood furnaces and 50 other NY towns have regulated their installation. (Ken) reported on 200 cell towers to be powered by wind turbines in rural Vermont. Also, the new interstate highway bridge (Rte I-5) over the Columbia R. in Oregon has vertical shaft wind turbines designed into the superstructure.

Next Meeting Feb 19, 2009

The meeting adjourned at 7:36