

Meeting 21 January 2010 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Jan Hill, Co-Chair, Ken Blom, Co-Chair, Sally Lieberman, Vern Utter, Pam Young

Minutes from the November and December meetings were approved.

Contact Reports

Town Board (Vern) 14 Dec. Three junkyard renewals are being processed, a fourth may go out of business. The owner of an unsafe building is planning to dismantle it. Five obsolete computers are available to the public. DEC will collect farm chemicals 3 times in the next year. Saratoga Soil and Water Quality Committee seeks new members. A hazardous waste collection is being considered by the townships in Saratoga County.

ZBA (Nancy) Nothing of environmental concern.

PB (Sally) Minor subdivision on Lake Desolation Rd. by Bob DeLorenzo, who wants to buy a 12-A lot from a neighbor. No environmental concerns. A DEC investigator came in response to a call from a concerned citizen to look at the logging operation on Porter Rd. He found no logging on wetlands.

Highway Dept. (Vern) No environmental concerns. It was reported that the Town of Greenfield does an excellent job of plowing school bus routes.

Zoning Administration (Nancy) No report

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee (Pam) 10 Dec. The fishing report included an 18-inch chain pickerel caught in Rock City Falls. A mountain lion was reported in Saratoga County.

Correspondence (Ken) Richard Gardiner has communicated his intention to resign from EC for health reasons. We've wished him well and invited him to visit on future third Thursdays. We've asked him to send a note to the Town Board, who will then post the opening for a member.

Old Business (Jan) Theresa talked to Town Garage and learned the picnic table in the creek has been destroyed in a storm. They will look at the deteriorating trailhead signs, check catalogs for replacement costs and get back to us with options. A new Adopt-a-Road sign will be ordered for Alpine Ski Shop.

Wind Power (Ken) Reported: (1) A study in Denver showed no loss in property value from nearness to wind farms, (2) W. Virginia court ruled that a new wind farm must be designed to protect migrating bats, (3) T. Boone Pickens has reduced his order for wind turbines by half because Texas hasn't transmission lines to handle them, (4) A new turbine design will increase power by 40% with compressed air directed through slots from inside the hollow blades.

New Business (Sally) A Cornell Cooperative brochure suggests planting specific native species rather than invasive plants. Sally will request 100 copies to display @ TH and we'll consider a letter to the planning board with copies of the brochure to consider giving to developers.

Next Meeting February 18, 2010

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00PM