

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Approved 6/18/09

Meeting 21 May 2009 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Jan Hill, Co-Chair, Sally Leiberman, Jim Bruchac, Pam Young, Acting Secretary, Theresa Ellsworth, Member Emeritus

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as submitted.

Contact Reports

Town Board No report.

ZBA (Jan reported from Nancy's notes)

- Cunningham – Locust Grove Road – request for area variance to subdivide 10 acres into 2 lots in LDR (6-acre zoning). Wetlands, pond and a stream are on property. ZBA requested more information and that a building envelope be defined.
- Crowe – Old Stone Ridge – requesting variance for outdoor wood boiler. Tabled until Town Board adopts new code regarding outdoor wood boilers.
- Gustafson – Malloy Road – granted a side yard variance to enable installation of solar panels. ZBA required a vegetative buffer to be planted to shield neighbors from visual impact.

PB (Pam reported on 4/28/09 meeting)

- Vaccarielli – Triple J Way - 4-lot subdivision – PB requested details on stream crossing and verification that septic on lot 4 will not be too close to stream. T. Yasechak pointed out that if septic is moved away from stream, a pump system may be required. A future owner of the property would want to be made aware of this. Need to do short Environmental Assessment Form.
- Mahay – Lake Desolation Road – Special Use Permit – proposing recreational trails for public use. Access to the property for commercial use is being disputed by the neighbors.
- Dupouy – South Greenfield Road – L. Dupouy presented conceptual plan, including 4-bedroom Bed and Breakfast, conference center, tea room, events center (e.g. weddings), and 2,000 sq. ft. area in barn for arts and crafts sales. Eventually would like to build 7 guest cottages in back.
- Makkay – Goose Hollow Road – Major Subdivision – test pits are scheduled, which will determine number of lots that can be approved.

Highway Dept. No report.

Zoning Administration No report.

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee No report.

Correspondence None.

Old Business

Town Parks Boy Scouts were not available for May 9 clean-up of the Porter Corners Town Park. Jan and Theresa will survey the trail and trailhead signs to determine if work is required. Jan will contact EC members if necessary.

Adopt-a-Roadside - Theresa distributed for EC member review a report she wrote describing the Adopt-A-Roadside Program. The report was requested by Town Supervisor, Dick Rowland, in order to satisfy a requirement of the Town's MS4 (stormwater) permit issued by DEC. The EC members agreed that Theresa should submit the report as written.

- Kawing Krow sign and another on Daniels Road have been damaged and need to be replaced. Theresa asked EC members to keep an eye out for any other damaged signs. Jim Bruchac expressed an interest in adopting the section of Grange Road near his land, which is a popular site for dumping large items. However, poison ivy is an issue. Theresa suggested Jim contact Walt Barss, Highway Department, for assistance.

Wind Power Advisory Committee No report.

New Business Theresa noted that the "Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission" flyers need to be updated. She had examples of other informational flyers (e.g. on avoiding damage to trees during construction) that might be distributed by Gerry McKenna to developers who have applications with the Town. Jan will look into whether or not we can obtain more of these flyers.

Next Meeting June 18, 2009

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM