

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

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

Attending: Jan Hill, Co-Chair, LaVern Utter, Nancy Kmen, Sally Leiberman, Richard Gardiner, Pam Young, Acting Secretary.

Approval of minutes was deferred until the November meeting.

Contact Reports

Town Board (Jan) Reviewed minutes from 9/10/09 meeting. Town Board will hold one more workshop on 9/26/09 on town code revisions. Public hearing on revisions to be held November 5, 2009. SEQR will not be conducted on revisions. Revisions propose woodburning outdoor furnace regulations to be relaxed. EC members questioned why SEQR has been waived. Jan will write a letter to the Town Board expressing that revisions may have environmental impacts and questioning why SEQR is not being done.

ZBA (Nancy) Reported on 10/6/09 meeting. No environmental issues.

PB (Sally) Reported on 9/29/09 meeting. No environmental issues. 10/13/09 meeting was cancelled.

Highway Dept. No report.

Zoning Administration No report.

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee No issues for Greenfield.

Correspondence NYS Association of Conservation Commissions Newsletter received.

Town Parks (Jan) Reported that the picnic table is still in the creek. Jan will contact the Highway Department to ask for assistance in removing the table. Jan reported that the 'Grey Birch' sign is missing, and possibly one other sign. She noted that the tree signs are being bent as the trees are growing. Repositioning the signs to correct this is a project for the spring.

Adopt-a-Roadside No report.

New Business LaVern noted report on wind turbines, which indicated that turbines interfere with Doppler radar/weather forecasting. EC discussed news article reporting that, as of October 14, 2009, outdoor waste burning will be banned in all towns in NYS (with some exceptions). EC questioned who would be enforcing the new regulations.

Next Meeting November 19, 2009

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM