

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Meeting 17 September 2009 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Attending: Jan Hill, Co-Chair, Ken Blom, Co-Chair, Jim Bruchac, Nancy Kmen, Verne Utter, Theresa Ellsworth

Minutes from the August meeting were approved as submitted.

Contact Reports

Town Board (Vern) Sept: Not much environmental; an unsafe building was discussed. A public hearing will be scheduled on town code revisions, including wind turbines, outdoor wood furnaces, and right-to-farm. The Town Garage open house will be 10 Oct 10:00-12:00. Strakos Rd is finishing up and Russell Rd. will be paved.

ZBA (Nancy) Sept: A variance was granted to Varleys on Ballou Rd. One new application was received.

PB (Sally) Varley variance on Ballou Rd. The Hickman subdivision on Medbury Rd., begun in 1997, was extended. Future extensions to this permit may not be possible because of changes in codes and increased road costs. A minor subdivision was requested by M. Vincent on Allen Rd but no action was taken. The Goose Hollow subdivision was discussed but no action will be taken until the LA Group meets with the Planning Board again. NYS has expressed interest. The Environmental Commission needs to consider this plan as it develops.

Highway Dept. (Vern) Trash will be accepted at the Town Garage on Sept 19.

Zoning Administration (Nancy) No new information

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee (Jan) Minutes of the meeting were shared.

Correspondence (Jan) An Environmental Quality Conference will be held at Watkins Glenn from Nov 13-15.

Old Business

Town Parks (Jan) The picnic table is still in the water; the Highway Dept. will be contacted. Theresa laminated new maps and Jan mounted them before the Friends of Kayaderoseros event. Theresa and Jan will explore the cost of more durable Plastic signs. Theresa suggested that damaged wooden signs can be rebuilt by High way Dept. during the winter.

Adopt-a-Roadside (Theresa) Roadside signs are ordered to replace those missing. She received a phone message about adopting a roadside by a single family. This was discussed because the usual pattern has been for organizations to share responsibility for a roadside.

Wind Power (Ken) General Electric will produce 300 wind turbines per year in India beginning in 2010. India's goal is to use 24% wind power by 2030. India and China present the greatest future growth in demand for power. China, which currently builds hundreds of new coal-fired power plants each year and is slowly adding wind power to its grid.

New Business (none)

Next Meeting October 15, 2009

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM