

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
August 11, 2009**

A. Open Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

Members Present:

Cheryl Filler, Chair
Christina Albrecht
Steve Foster
Jackie Oliphant
Jim Hutzelmann

B. Minutes:

1. May 27, 2009 Jim Hutzelmann made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Foster seconded the motion. *Motion* was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

C. LOI Review:

1. B. 2.01, L. 9 *Noted*

D. Correspondence:

1. Letter from South Branch Watershed - *Noted*
2. Invoice from Princeton Hydro – Jackie Oliphant made a motion to pay this invoice. Christina Albrecht seconded the motion. *Motion* was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*
3. Letter from State of NJ regarding 3480 Rt. 22 West suspected hazardous waste - *Noted*
4. Letter from Brennan Environmental Inc., 6 Stanton Rd. “unregulated heating oil tank program” - *Noted*
5. Letter from Planning Board to State Legislators opposing Bill S1303 and A 3062 - *Noted*
6. Letter from State of NJ regarding 116 Readington Rd., “suspected hazardous waste” *Noted*
7. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 98, L. 2.24 “550 gal. heating oil storage underground tank *Noted*
8. Letter from ANJEC regarding “Conservation Easement Stewardship Project. *Noted*
9. Letter from State of NJ regarding 11 Weather Hill Road “suspected hazardous substance discharge” *Noted*

10. Letter from State of NJ regarding 78 West Bound “suspected hazardous substance discharge” *Noted*
11. Letter from State of NJ regarding “No further action letter and covenant not to sue” for 105 Robin Way *Noted*
12. Letter from State of NJ regarding 14 Central Ave., “suspected hazardous substance discharge” *Noted*
13. Letter from State of NJ regarding 8 Home Stead Rd. “suspected hazardous substance discharge” *Noted*
14. Letter from State of NJ regarding underground storage tank system at B. 39, L. 53.02 *Noted*
15. Letter from State of NJ regarding Readington Township’s municipal stormwater program *Noted- letter to be sent to Township Committee requesting status of this matter.*
16. Letter from State of NJ rearing 6 Stanton Mountain Road, B. 50, L. 3 550 gallon underground storage tank *Noted*
17. Letter from State of NJ regarding hazardous waste 275 Mountain Road *Noted*
18. Letter from State of NJ regarding 2 Federal Lane *Noted*
19. Letter from HCPB regarding Investor’s Savings Bank, B. 89, L. 1 *Noted*
20. Letter from State regarding hazardous waste 47 School Rd. *Noted*
21. Letter from State regarding hazardous waste Rt. 523 & 629 *Noted*
22. Letter from State regarding hazardous waste Rt. 78 East *Noted*
23. Letter from State regarding hazardous waste Route 78 *Noted*
24. Permit by HC engineering department Holland Brook Bridge *Noted*
25. Letter from State of NJ regarding 44 Pulaski Road underground storage tank *Noted*

E Other Business:

1. Plant Donation – Madam Chair announced that the Township received a donation of plants that were planted around the ball fields on Summer Road. The plants are an invasive species. The EC decided that Mr. Foster should write a memo to the Township Committee indicating that the negative impact to the environment.

Christina Albrecht made a motion to authorize Mr. Foster to write a memo to the Township Committee setting forth the EC’s concerns regarding these invasive plants. Jackie Oliphant seconded the motion. A motion was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

2. Discussion Herbicide and pesticide info on website
3. Plan for Township for applying herbicides and pesticides -

Steve Foster gave a status of the meeting with Vita Mekovetz and Scott Jesseman. He indicated that they are open to using organic methods but that budget will drive what is done this year. Steve is checking on vendors to determine prices. Also there may be a way to join with other communities in the area who are already on board or thinking about it. Volume pricing may bring the cost down for all.

4. Ordinance requiring the use of drop spreaders only – Carried.
5. Annual report – samples from Township of Cranbury; Chatham

We are required to send an Annual Report to the Township Committee. The EC wasn't aware of any ever being sent. However, this is also required to get points for the Sustainable Community effort. Some achievements were provided by EC members for inclusion in the report. Chair will do report.

F. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

1. Ridge Road Realty, LLC
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 38, Lots 54, 74, 75
Pearl Street
Hearing date: August 24, 2009 (waiting for revised documents) *No comment*

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

1. Mark Hartman
Preliminary-Final Site Plan
Use and Bulk Variance, Minor Subdivision
US Rt. 22 *No Comment*
1. Phyllis Castells
Block 56, Lot 2
108 Pulaski Rd.
Variance

Action date: September 18, 2009 *No comment*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:

None

G. Educational Opportunities

None

H. Publications

None

I. Minutes

Board of Adjustment
Planning Board

J. Soil Conservation Reports

1. HCSCD regarding Orlando Dwelling, B. 65, L. 7 “Temporary Report of Compliance” *Noted*
2. HCSCD regarding County Bridge R-123 “Letter of Certification” *Noted*
3. HCSCD regarding Brown Addition, B. 50, L. 3 “Report of Compliance” *Noted*
4. HCSCD regarding Fallone Dwelling, B. 36, L. 2 “Final Report of Compliance” *Noted*
5. HCSCD regarding Kramer Dwelling, B. 47, L. 13 “Report of Compliance” *Noted*
6. HCSCD regarding Readington Commons, B. 4, L. 51 “Report of Compliance” *Noted*
7. HCSCD regarding Bryant/Lanfranchini Dwelling, B. 42, L. 18 “Okay to Issue Building Permit” *Noted*
8. HCSCD regarding Hartman, B. 25, L. 50 “Letter of Conditional Certification” *Noted*
9. HCSCD regarding Pieros, B. 44, L. 10 “Letter of Certification” *Noted*
10. HCSCD regarding County Rt. 523, “Letter of Certification” *Noted*
11. HCSCD regarding Readington School, B. 48, L. 20, et als. “Report of Compliance” *Noted*
12. HCSCD regarding American Classics, B. 69, L. 12.01 “Final report of Compliance” *Noted*
13. HCSCD regarding American Classics B. 69, L. 12.01 “Temporary Report of Compliance” *Noted*
14. HCSCD regarding Westfields, B. 13, L. 62 “Temporary report of Compliance” *Noted*

15. HCSCD regarding Beatrice dwelling, B. 55, L. 7.06 “report of Compliance” *Noted*

K. Public Comment

L. Adjournment

Christina Albrecht made a motion to adjourn. Jackie Oliphant seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Albrecht