

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 22, 2009**

A. Open Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 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
Jay Kelly**

Members of the Public

John Hansen, Ferriero Engineering

B. Minutes:

1. September 9, 2009 carried to the next meeting.

C. LOI Review:

1. None

D. Correspondence:

1. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 65, L. 13.03 "No further Action letter" *Noted*
2. Copy of letter from Valerie Kimson to COAH along with enclosures dated September 14, 2009. *Noted*

E Other Business:

1. Well Testing - The EC reviewed the schedule and made corrections. Updated schedule will be circulated to all members.
2. Discussion with John Hansen Discussion took place off the record.
3. Review "Application Process" Discussion took off the record.

4. **Memo to Township Committee Re: Burning Bush.** The Chairman stated that she had been contacted by the Township Committee and was informed that the memo was discussed during the last meeting, but no action was taken. The Environmental Commission is invited to attend the next Township Committee meeting which is October 5, 2009 in order to bring this matter up in the public forum and to explain that removing the plants is supported by the EC. Additionally, at the Planning Board meeting, the Planning Board moved to draft an ordinance that would forbid planting evasive species. The problem is that the ordinance is only for new development applications. Mr. Foster offered to find links to invasive species and place them on the township's website, and provide the factual information. Discussion took place regarding what to discuss at the Township Committee meeting set for October 5, 2009. The Chair explained that it is imperative that the EC's memo is read into the record at that meeting. Also, it is important to indicate that the "Burning Bush" is not the only plant that is invasive, plus to request that a stewardship be put into place by the governing body. Steve Foster and Cheryl Filler will make the presentation to the Township Committee on October 5, 2009.

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

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 action taken.
2. **Phyllis Castells**
Block 56, Lot 2
108 Pulaski Rd.
Variance – No action taken.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:

None

G. Educational Opportunities

None

H. Publications

None

**I. Minutes
Board of Adjustment
Planning Board**

J. Soil Conservation Reports

None

K. Public Comment

L. Adjournment

Christina Albrecht made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Jay Kelly seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted,