

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 2009**

A. Open Meeting

Meeting is called to order at 7:35 p.m. and it is announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised. Jackie Oliphant volunteered as record keeper.

B. Reappointed members

Cheryl Filler
Christina Albrecht
James Hutzelmann
Jay Kelly

C. Members present:

Cheryl Filler, Chair
Jackie Oliphant
Steve Foster
Jay Kelly
Christina Albrecht

Members of the Public
None

D. Minutes:

1. December 9, 2008 – Minutes were signed.

E. LOI Review

1. B. 4, L. 47, 48, 49, 50, et als. *Reviewed, no action taken*
2. B. 56, L. 2 *Reviewed, no action taken*
3. B. 25, L. 44 *Reviewed, no action taken*

F. Correspondence: (items 1 through 8 carried from December 9th meeting)

1. Letter from State of NJ regarding Flood Hazard Permit 30 day extension letter - *noted*
2. Letter from State of NJ regarding Area of Concern for B. 67.01, L. 19.04 *noted*
3. Letter for NJDEP regarding hazardous discharge for #08-11-15-0852-12 *noted*
4. Letter for NJDEP regarding hazardous discharge for #08-11-10-1049-06 - *noted*
5. Letter for NJDEP regarding hazardous discharge for #08-11-17-1109-30 - *noted*
6. Letter from JCPL - *noted*
7. Letter from County of Hunterdon Department of Parks – *noted and*

Steve Foster plans to attend.

8. Letter from State of NJDEP regarding draft of NJPDES permit *noted*
9. NJ Highlands Coalition - *noted*
10. Letter from State of NJ regarding “Notice of Intent to Terminate”
Noted
11. Letter from State of NJ regarding “No Further Action Letter” B. 21, L. 19.06
Noted
12. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 48.01, L. 26 underground oil tank *Noted*
13. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 70, L. 31.01 verification of flood hazard
area. *Noted*
14. Memo of meeting dates for 2009
15. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 97, L. 4 underground oil tank *Noted*
16. Letter from Malick & Scherer regarding multi use path permit#10B - *Noted*
17. Letter from County regarding multi use path *Noted*
18. Letter regarding 108 Pulaski Road NJDEP permit (GP-25) *Noted*
19. South Branch Watershed Association *Noted- will donate the same amount as
last year.*

G Educational Opportunities

1. 2009 ANJEC Road Shows -carried from December 9th meeting *Noted. Steve Foster was interested in securing more information regarding the “Open Space Stewardship” road show. Mrs. Filler requested that Mr. Foster should obtain the information from ANJEC and also secure the follow-up documentation from the last road show.*

H. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

None

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

1. James McDonald
Block 23, Lot 11
Minor Site Plan
149 Main Street
Action Date: January 26, 2009 *Noted*
2. Ridge Road Realty, LLC
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 38, Lots 54, 74, 75
Pearl Street
Action date: February 7, 2009 *Noted*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

1. Winfield Management Corp.

**Preliminary-Final Site Plan &
Use Variance**

Action date: December 31, 2008 -Mrs. Filler stated that this is an application that is located on Route 22. They are proposing retail on the first floor and residential on the second floor. The EC recommended that the applicant should use the development techniques such as disconnecting the impervious surfaces from the roof and parking areas. Every down spout should be treated with a rain garden. Mrs. Filler will create the memo and send out to the board. Christina Albrecht will attend the Board of Adjustment meeting and will express the EC's comments on the record.

**2, Hunterdon Christian Church
Amended Final Site Plan
Summer Road**

Action date: February 13, 2009 no comment.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

I. Publications

- 1. “The Current” SBWA – no comment**

J. Minutes

**Board of Adjustment
Planning Board**

K. Soil Conservation Reports (items 1 through 4 carried from December 9th meeting)

- 1. HCSCD regarding Summer Road Soccer Field “letter of recertification”**
- 2. HCSCD regarding Summer Road Soccer Field “confirmation of 48 hour notification of land disturbance”**
- 3. HCSCD regarding Readington Manors, B. 42, L. 17.01 “Report of Compliance”**
- 4. HCSCD regarding Denning Dwelling, B. 43 L. 12 “Nearing Completion**
- 5. HCSCD regarding Villani B. 55, L. 7.08 “Report of Compliance”**
- 6. HCSCD regarding GPU Substation B. 61, L. 5.02**
- 7. HCSCD regarding Norby B. 66, L. 56 “Report of Compliance”**
- 8. HCSCD regarding Denning, B. 43, L. 12 “Report of Compliance”**
- 9. HCSCD regarding Kasiak B. 66, L. 9.01 “Letter of Conditional Certification”**
- 10. HCSCD regarding Hartman retail, B. 36, L. 47 & 48 “Failure to Notify”**

L. Public Comment

None

M. Other Business:

1. 2009 Reexamination of the Master Plan

Jay Kelly reviewed the document. He stated that one of the headings indicated “tree protection of woodlands.” In the discussion of the topic, the only material that was covered was the rules and protocol for re-vegetation. Mrs. Filler stated that she did bring this to the board’s attention. Mr. Kelly also suggested that there should be a tree protection plan in place. Mr. Hutzelmann informed the EC that the tree ordinance that he drafted was very strong. Mr. Hutzelmann will review the re-exam document and forward same to the Planning Board.

2. Discussion 2007 Bill – this bill will phase out incandescent light bulbs in the next five years. Mr. Kelly has concerns about florescent bulbs. He would like to see some language adopted to endorse alternative lighting rather than florescent bulbs.

3. Recycle – Mr. Foster informed the EC that pursuant to a meeting that he attended at the county with Julia Allen, it will be mandatory in January of this year that cardboard, florescent bulbs, tin, glass and plastic from businesses must be recycled. He did not see any documentation from the county to date. The township was supposed to have adopted an ordinance that a contractor must recycle wood, concrete and metal products. If they failed to do so, they would not acquire a certificate of occupancy. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

N. Adjournment:

Mr. Hutzelmann made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Oliphant