

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
January 27, 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
Jim Hutzelmann
Steve Foster

Public Present:

Keith Petzinger

B. Minutes:

1. January 13, 2009 *Jim Hutzelmann made a motion to approve the minutes. Christina Albrecht seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

C. LOI Review

1. B. 2.01, L. 9.01 & 11 – *noted*

The Chair informed everyone that the Planning Board retained John Hansen as their engineer. Mr. McEldowney is the Township's engineer and will continue to review the LOI's.

D. Correspondence:

1. Letter from State of NJ regarding 24 Weavers Lane “Notice of Deficiency”
Noted
2. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 94, L. 4.03 “No further Action letter and covenant not to sue” *Noted*
3. Letter from State of NJ regarding Draft consolidated Renewal permit action *Noted*
4. Letter from State of NJ B. 34, L. 10 *Noted*

E Other Business:

1. 2009 Reexamination of the Master Plan – *Comments from the Environmental Commission must be submitted to Michael Sullivan by February 9, 2009. Mrs. Filler stated that at the Planning Board meeting, Jay's comments were explained to the planner and he will incorporate same into the revised document. Also, low impact development was recommended to be included in the Master Plan. Mr. Hutzelmann recommended to include within the document, green building ordinances and sustainable designs. Additionally,*

language should be included to exclude invasive species and encourage native species. Mr. Foster recommended that language should be incorporated into the document to mandate that all building materials must be recycled. For example, on demolished buildings and rebuilt buildings, those materials should be used in the renovation. Mr. Foster stated that a focused effort should be made to reduce the waste. The Conservation Plan Element must be amended. Mr. Foster suggested that the township's duties should be outlined in the document. Supporting documentation should be required supporting the township's natural resources. Mr. Foster suggested resident education should be included so that the public is encouraged to volunteer and thereby becoming more conscience of their environment. A tree replacement and/or restoration ordinance and re-forestation ordinance should be adopted. .

Mrs. Filler will draft a memo expressing the EC's comments and distribute same to the Planning Board.

F. New Business:

1. Party for Gary Buchanan – *The EC decided to have a party. Mrs. Filler will contact Gary for his availability.*

G. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

- 1. Readington Commons
Block 4, Lot 51 – *Noted, no action taken.***
- 2. Renaissance @Readington
Block 36, Lot 49 *Noted, no action taken.***
- 3. Tom Jr. Properties
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 36, Lot 7
1 Railroad Lane
Action Date: February 9, 2009 *Noted, no action taken.***

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

- 1 Clyde H. Allison
Block 76, Lot 2.03
Preliminary and final subdivision
Action Date: February 22, 2009 *Noted***

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

- 1. Winfield Management Corp.**

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

Action date: signed extension to February 19, 2009

The Chair updated the EC regarding their memo. Princeton Hydro did not agree with the EC's comments. They recommended that this proceed. In reviewing the DEP's checklist, Princeton Hydro informed Mrs. Filler that the applicant's proposal is acceptable.

2. **Mark Hartman
Preliminary-Final Site Plan
Use and Bulk Variance, Minor Subdivision
US Rt. 22
Action date: February 19, 2009**

The EC reviewed the application. The EC requested that the plan and stormwater report be forwarded to Mr. Hutzelmann.

3. **Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
Preliminary-Final Site Plan &
Use Variance
Block 20, Lot 6
291 US Rt. 22
Action date: March 20, 2009 *Noted***

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:

None

H. Educational Opportunities

None

I. Publications

1. **ANJEC Smart Growth Planning Assistance *Noted, no action taken***

J. Minutes

**Board of Adjustment
Planning Board**

K. Soil Conservation Reports

1. **HCSCD B. 4.03, L. 29- *Mark Hartman is renovating this building. Mr. Hartman has to get approval from the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District.***

L. Public Comment

M. Adjournment

Christina Albrecht made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Steve Foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

(no record keeper designated)