

Environmental Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
October 5, 2010

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 the meeting was duly advertised. Judy Tutela volunteered to be the recorder.

Members present:

Cheryl Filler  
Jay Kelly  
Judith Tutela  
Steve Foster  
Frank Ace  
Christina Albrecht

B. Minutes:

1. September 21, 2010 – carried to next meeting.

C. LOI Review & Wetlands General Permit - None

D. Correspondence:

1. Letter from State of NJ “no further action letter” regarding 95 Pleasant Run Road - Noted
2. Letter from State of NJ “no further action letter” regarding 2 Arrowhead Road - Noted

E. New Business:

1. Annual well testing and participation schedule

The EC reviewed the schedule. If someone would like to volunteer at the last minute, they are encouraged to participate.

2. Frank Ace’s article regarding recycling old refrigerators was approved and is slated to be displayed on the township’s website.
3. Ms. Albrecht suggested that the well testing information should be noticed on the website.
4. Mr. Kelly informed everyone that Somerset County has decided to recycle plastics one through seven. He was informed that Readington Township will amend their recycling ordinance and will also recycle plastics, one through seven.

5. Additionally, Mr. Kelly wanted to report that he attended a class at Deer Path Park and saw trees that were marked for logging. There were signs posted as “forest management area”.

Apparently the county is proposing to perform a 50 acre selective tree cutting. Mr. Kelly stated that he knows for a fact that there are a number of endangered plant species that they included. He stated that the conservation community in this area is very upset about this matter. In the information provided it states that this is a pilot project, if it goes well, they are anticipating logging all over the State. Mr. Kelly suggested that the EC write a letter to the County, opposing this project and request that the project be stopped, and copy the governing body. Mr. Kelly agreed to draft a letter.

6. Mobile Bulletin Board for Township Recycling Area:
7. – Mr. Kelly stated that the Open Space Advisory and Recreation Boards are still discussing the design of the bulletin board. Until that is settled, they can't move forward. Ms. Tutela volunteered to find out more information as to what group of scouts are working on the different projects. She hopes to expedite the bulletin board design.

F. Educational Opportunities

None

G. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

None

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

1. Hunterdon Hills Animal Hospital  
Block 21.13, Lot 7  
Route 22 Eastbound  
Variance & Preliminary & Final Site Plan  
Hearing date; October 21, 2010
2. T-Mobile (formerly known as Omnipoint Communications)  
Block 13, Lot 74  
93 Old Rt. 28

Variance & Preliminary Site Plan  
Action date: November 12, 2010

Madam Chair explained that cell towers, by ordinance, are not permitted. Therefore, if they wish to erect a tower, they must apply for a variance with the Board of Adjustment.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

H. Publications

None

I. Minutes

Board of Adjustment  
Planning Board

J. Soil Conservation Reports

None

K. Public Comment

None

- L. Adjournment - Mr. Foster made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Tutela seconded the motion. *Motion* was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded*.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tutela