

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

June 18, 2013

A. Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. and it was announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act were met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

Members present:

Judy Tutela

Jason Giroud

Jerry Cook

Steve Foster, Chair

Public – William Flynn

George Stafford, Outreach Director for the New Jersey Highlands Coalition

B. Minutes:

1. June 4, 2013 - approved. All in favor, No Nays recorded.

C. LOI/Freshwater Wetlands - *Noted*

2. Improvements to County 637 Permit

D. Correspondence:

1. Letter from Van Cleef, regarding B. 96, L. 20 - *Noted*

2. see above

3. State of NJ hazardous substance *Noted*

4. Ecology and Environment, Inc. Transcontinental Gas Pipe *Noted*

E. New Business: 1. None

F. Educational Opportunities

None

G. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD - None

PLANNING BOARD – **COMPLETENESS FILES June 24, 2013 Reviewed by EC – no action or comment at this time.**

1. Toll, NJ I, LLC

Block 36, Lot 49

Final Major Subdivision/Site Plan

Action Date: July 25, 2013

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – **HEARING FILES – June 20, 2013 Reviewed by**

**EC – no action or comment at this time.**

1. Ryland Office Park, LLC/Walgreens

Minor subdivision/lot line adjustment

Block 8, L (s) 4, 5, 6, & 7

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – **COMPLETENESS FILES June 20, 2013**

**Reviewed by EC – no action or comment at this time.**

1. Mane Stream

Variance & Preliminary/Final Site Plan

B. 53, L. 5 & 5.02

14 Holland Brook Road

H. Publications None

I. Minutes

Board of Adjustment

Planning Board

J. Soil Conservation Reports None

K. Public Comment – George Stafford, the Outreach Director of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition, updated the EC by presenting background and information about the coalition and its mission to serve the communities served by the Highlands Resources. His role is to ask municipalities to consider supporting the coalition's mission. He requested that the EC endorse his cause by approving a resolution. In addition, he requested that the EC recommend to the governing body that they also acknowledge and

support the goals and purposes of the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act via resolution. The endorsement by the EC is as follows:

The Readington Township Environmental Commission's statement of support for the goals and purposes of the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act.

Whereas, New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (The Highlands Act) was enacted in order to protect the State's water supplies and other significant resources and;

Whereas, the Highlands Act was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both the New Jersey State Senate and New Jersey State Assembly; and

Whereas, subsequently in 2008, the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council adopted the New Jersey Highlands Regional Master Plan, and proceeded with a program for its implantation through a Plan Conformance process.

Whereas, Readington Township is a municipality that receives all or a portion of its drinking water from sources within the Highlands Region; and that Readington Township relies on the resources of the Highlands to meet the current and future needs of its residents.

Now, therefore, be it known that the Readington Township Environmental Commission strongly supports the goals, policies and objectives of the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

Jerry Cook made a motion to approve the resolution. Judy Tutela seconded the motion. All in favor, no Nays recorded.

L. Adjournment: Judy Tutela made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. Jerry Cook seconded the motion. All in Favor, No Nays recorded.

Respectfully,