

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

September 9, 2008 @ 7:30 PM

A. Open Meeting

Meeting is called to order at 7:34 p.m. and it is announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised. Steve Foster volunteered as record keeper.

Members Present:

Cheryl Filler, Chair

Jackie Oliphant

Gary Buchanan

Steve Foster

Jim Hutzelmann

B. Minutes:

1. **August 26, 2008 – Jackie Oliphant made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.**

C. LOI Review

None

D. Correspondence:

1. **General freshwater permit for Hunterdon County Bridge *No action***
2. **Memo from Board of Health regarding suspected hazardous discharge notification 08-07-03-1428-11 *No action***
3. **Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 45.02, L. 75 “No further Action letter and Covenant not to sue *No action***
4. **Letter from Township clerk to Hunterdon County Engineer *No action***

E Other Business:

1. **DEP Rules – Mr. Hutzelmann stated that the contaminated site notification rules have been revised. There is now a requirement to post a notice on the site and to provide notification to the public that an investigation is taking place. He volunteered to send the link out to everyone so that they can access the information.**

2. **Well testing**

The Chair wanted to make sure that everyone will be available to participate with the well testing pickup. The schedule of dates will be sent to everyone.

Additionally, the South Branch created signs announcing that well tests will be sold at the municipal building. One sign will be placed at the Three Bridges Library and one will be placed in the lobby of the municipal building. The announcement that was forwarded to the Readington News alerting everyone to the annual community well test sale will be emailed to the clerk so that she can place it on the township’s website.

Mr. Hutzelmann inquired if they could include the 48 hour gross alpha test. The test identifies the presence of gross alpha particle activity in water. Alpha particles are emitted during the decay of certain substances. Mr. Foster suggested that the chairman discuss this matter with the South Branch Watershed and the township to consider another approach. He felt that the EC should attempt to educate the public on how to mitigate the problem and also when to test for radon and arsenic.

Mr. Hutzelmann suggested that the map of the contaminated sites should be displayed where the test kits are sold. Mr. Foster cautioned everyone that this information might panic some people. Nonetheless, the Chair stated that the map will not show specific houses, but it will show contamination areas. She felt it would be a good idea to have the maps available.

Mr. Foster suggested that someone should contact the South Branch to ask that they create a link on their website that will direct the public to these maps. Mr. Foster suggested that the chairman discuss this matter with the South Branch Watershed and the township to consider another approach. He felt that the EC should attempt to educate the public on how to mitigate the problem and also when to test for radon and arsenic.

3. News from County Fair

At the fair in the information building, East Amwell had handouts available. Madam Chair suggested that the EC might want to consider copying and using those pamphlets for our township.

F. Educational Opportunities

- 1. ANJEC “Advance to Green” strategies for sustainable communities
Friday, October 3, 2008 *Noted.***
- 2. ANJEC Road Show – set for October 28, 2008 beginning @7:30 p.m. An invitation was distributed to the township employees. A note will be emailed to the EC members indicating the date and time.**

G. Site Plan Review and Comment

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

- 1. Tom Jr. Properties
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 36, Lot 7
1 Railroad Lane
October 9, 2008 – hearing scheduled for 09-22-08 *No action taken***

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

- 1 Janet Rollero/Healthy U Personal Training, Inc.**

**Block 21.01, Lot 8
Minor site plan
Action Date: October 18, 2008 *No action taken***

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

- 1. New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
Block 17, Lot 9
384 Route 22,
Variance
Signed extension to September 18, 2008 *No action taken***

- 2. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
State Highway 31 & Foothill Road
Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan; Conditional Use;
Conditional Use Variance
Block 61, lot 5.02
Variance
Signed extension to September 18, 2008 *No action taken***

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES

- 1. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
Preliminary-Final Site Plan &
Use Variance
291 US Rt. 22 – B. 20, L. 6
Action date: September 25, 2008 *No action taken***

H. Publications *None*

I. Minutes

**Board of Adjustment
Planning Board**

J. Soil Conservation Reports

- 1. HCSCD regarding Readington Middle School, B. 48, L. 20 “Report of Compliance” *Noted***
- 2. HCSCD regarding Kasper dwelling, B. 12.01, L. 7 “Report of Compliance” *Noted***
- 3. HCSCD regarding Hollain dwelling, B. 42, L. 12.03 “Report of Compliance” *Noted***

K. Public Comment - *none*

L. Adjournment

Gary Buchanan made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Steve Foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Foster