

**Environmental Commission Meeting**

**Minutes**

**February 10, 2009**

**A. Open Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised. *Christina Albrecht volunteered to be the recorder.*

**Members Present:**

Cheryl Filler, Chair

Christina Albrecht

Jackie Oliphant

Steve Foster

Jay Kelly arrived at 7:55 p.m.

**Public Present:**

None

**B. Minutes:**

1. January 27, 2009 *Christina Albrecht 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**

1. B. 27, L. 31 & B. 28, L 6 *Noted*

**D. Correspondence:**

1. Letter from State of NJ regarding B. 13, L. 68 *Noted*
2. Letter from NJDEP regarding Mountain View Rd. (hazardous substance) *Noted*
3. Letter from NJDEP regarding 15 Swallow Way (hazardous substance) *Noted*
4. Letter from NJDEP regarding Rt. 22 & Coddington Rd. (hazardous substance) *Noted*
5. Letter from NJDEP regarding 49 Oakland Drive (hazardous substance) *Noted*
6. Letter from NJDEP regarding 114 Rockafellow Mill Rd. (hazardous substance) *Noted*
7. Letter from NJDEP regarding B. 32, L. 12 Freshwater Wetlands Permit *Noted*
8. Letter from NJDEP regarding B. 56, L. 2 Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Permit *Noted*
9. Letter from NJDEP concerning New Ground Water Rule Information *Noted- received copy from Clerk's office.*
10. Memo from Vita Mekovetz regarding Volunteer Open House *Noted- this meeting falls on the night of one of the EC's meeting. Mrs. Filler wanted to know if the*

*members would be willing to start the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and would the members be interested in speaking to the public about the duties of the EC. The EC members agreed. After the Open House, the EC will continue with their meeting. Also Mrs. Allen wrote an article in the Readington News that Mrs. Filler read to the EC.*

**E Other Business:**

1. **Environmental workshop – Mrs. Filler will forward the information to the EC members. Mr. Kelly requested permission to attend a class at Rutgers. Mrs. Filler will seek approval**
2. **ERI - Mrs. Filler informed everyone that this year she recommended that the ERI must be updated. There is new information in the landscape project that is part of the Township’s Master Plan.**

*Miss Oliphant made a motion to have Princeton Hydro update the Landscape Data maps. Mrs. Albrecht seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

3. **Reexamination Master Plan Comments: Mrs. Filler informed the EC that their comments were accepted by the Planning Board. The public hearing will take place on March 9, 2009.**
4. **Gary Buchanan’s party - Gary is interested in participating in a party. Trisha and Laurie should be included in the party. Mrs. Filler volunteered to host the event. The EC is anticipating it taking place on a Saturday in late February – early March.**
5. **Hydrological study (comments) Mrs. Filler recommended that this information must be updated. This information would help the township down-zone.**
6. **Recycling – Discussion took place about recycling within the municipality. Mr. Kelly stated that he is performing a seminar and he would be able to obtain background information for the EC. This might be good information to be placed in the Newsletter or the Readington News. Mrs. Filler suggested that the EC start writing to the large companies in Readington to request that they begin a recycling and employee recycling training program.**

**F. Site Plan Review and Comment**

**PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES**

**None**

**PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES**

None

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES**

1. **Winfield Management Corp.  
Preliminary-Final Site Plan &  
Use Variance**  
Action date: signed extension to February 19, 2009 *Noted*
  
2. **Mark Hartman  
Preliminary-Final Site Plan  
Use and Bulk Variance, Minor Subdivision  
US Rt. 22**  
Action date: February 19, 2009 *Jim Hutzelmann has not had an opportunity to review the stormwater information that was forwarded to him. He will try to complete his analysis before the Board of Adjustment meeting.*
  
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

**G. Educational Opportunities**

1. **ANJEC Environmental Commission Training to Protect Natural Resources.**  
*Noted*

**H. Publications**

1. **ANJEC 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grants for Municipalities** *Noted*

**I. Minutes  
Board of Adjustment  
Planning Board**

**J. Soil Conservation Reports**

1. **HCSCD regarding Shields B. 66, L. 57 “Temporary Report of Compliance”**  
*Noted*
2. **HCSCD regarding Fallone, B. 36, L. 2 “Temporary Report of**

**Compliance” Noted**

**K. Public Comment - None**

**L. Adjournment**

*Christina Albrecht made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Jay Kelly seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christina Albrecht*