

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 11, 2007**

A. Chair called meeting to order at 7:40 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
Jim Hutzelmann
Jackie Oliphant
Christina Albrecht
Steve Foster**

Members of the Public

None

B. Minutes:

- 1. August 28, 2007 – Carried to the next meeting.**

C. LOI Review

- 1. LOI Block 5.11, lot 2.01 - *The EC members reviewed the LOI application. This property is located in Branchburg Township, Somerset County. Jim Hutzelmann will review the new rules to determine if the stream that is located on the property has been classified as a C-1 stream. If the stream has been classified as such, Jim will draft a letter to the NJDEP voicing the concerns of the EC.***

D. Correspondence:

- 1. Letter from State of NJ regarding Remedial Investigation Report Approval for North Pole Insulation Corp., Whitehouse Station – *No comment***
- 2. Letter from Louis Berger regarding proposed wastewater pumping station at Readington Middle School – *No comment***

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Environmental Commission Web Page Discussion – *Steve Foster's only comment was that the webpage is progressing.***
- 2. Public Utilities Regs discussion – *Jackie Oliphant stated that in her review of the limited amount of information that she could obtain, it was difficult to determine when the comment period expired. Steve Foster will contact the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to find out if the comment period is still open.***

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bylaws - Carried

2. Community Well Test EC Schedule – A tentative schedule has been drafted and will be circulated to the EC for finalization. An ad will be published in the Hunterdon Democrat indicating the types of well test kits, the cost and the date available for purchase at the municipal building. Additionally, Steve Foster will contact the administrator to request permission to place signage indicating that the well test kits are available for purchase. The signs will be located at the municipal building’s reception area.

3. Newsletter deadline – October 12th. – The EC discussed some topics that could be included in the upcoming newsletter. Christina Albrecht volunteered to create articles relating to the Christmas season, i.e. recycling Christmas trees; conserving energy by limiting the time the holiday lights are displayed.

4. Gas & Go Gas Station – Madam Chair informed the members that there have been complaints from residents who live near the gas station. Noxious gas fumes are observed by the neighbors when one particular tanker is delivering gas to the station. John Barczyk has been given a case number and will be in contact with the State NJ DEP to follow up on resolving the problem.

5. Tree Planting – Christina Albrecht announced that the Open Space Committee might need the services of the EC members to help plant trees on the open space parcels. Christina will find out the details and will report back to the EC at a future date.

G. Site Plan Review and Comment:

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

- 1. John Nichodemus
Lot Line Adjustment
45 Pleasant Run Rd.
Block 64, lot 36
Action date: September 27, 2007 - No comment**
- 2. Mountain Woods
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 4, lot 57
Signed extension and carried to September 24, 2007 – No comment**

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

- 1 **Ridge Road Realty, LLC
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 38, Lots 54, 74, 75
Pearl Street
Action date: October 6, 2007 *No comment***

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

1. **CharDham Hindu Temple/Readington
Use Variance & Preliminary Site Plan
25A Coddington Road - *No comment***
2. **Vines, LLC/Readington
Block 39, lot 59
3523 Route 22 East
Site Plan and Variance
Action date: September 20, 2007 – *No comment***

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:

1. **Mark & Melissa Hampton
3 Powderhorn Rd.
Variance
Action date: September 24, 2007 – *No comment***
2. **Wachovia Bank, N.A.
420 Route 22
Block 8, lots 4, 5, 6 & 7
Variance application
Action Date: October 5, 2007 – *No comment***
3. **New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
Block 17, Lot 9
384 Route 22,
Variance
Action date: October 6, 2007 – *No comment***

H. Educational Opportunities

None

I. Publications

1. **Upper Raritan Watershed Assoc.**

J. Minutes

**Board of Adjustment
Planning Board**

K. Soil Conservation Reports

1. **HCSCD regarding Verta Dwelling, Block 30, lot 13.01 “Letter of Conditional Certification” - *Noted***
2. **HCSCD regarding Artisan Developers, Block 55, lot 7.05 “Okay to Issue Building Permit” *Noted***

L. Public Comment

M. Adjournment

N. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Jacukowicz