

**Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 25, 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
Tricia Sarrow
Gary Buchanan
Steve Foster**

Members of the Public

None

B. Minutes:

- 1. August 28, 2007 – Carried to the next meeting.**
- 2. September 11, 2007 – Steve Foster made a motion to approve the minutes. Jackie Oliphant seconded the motion. *Motion* was carried with a vote of *Ayes all, Nays none recorded***

C. LOI Review

- 1. Block 73, lot 38 & 40- *The EC members reviewed the LOI application. No comments.***
- 2. Biennial Certification of Monitor report for ground water – *No comments***

D. Correspondence:

- 1. Facsimile cover pages to local newspapers regarding well testing. *Noted***
- 2. “Wake Up call breakfast” sponsored by the Upper Raritan *Noted* Watershed Association”**
- 3. Letter from State of NJ regarding Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) *Noted- Steve Foster informed everyone that he attended the meeting and that there will be another meeting prior to the end of the year. Their expectations are that they will introduce additional modeling information at that time.***
- 4. - *Steve Foster reported that he had attended the Raritan River Basin meeting in Somerville, NJ on September 17th. There will be another meeting of that group, in Somerville, prior to the end of the year where additional modeling and examples of results will be presented. A Letter from South Branch Watershed Association on this same topic was Noted – William Kibler , SBWA Executive Director, will be contacted to***

request that the EC be notified of the specifics of that next meeting in a timely fashion.

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- 4. Letter from South Branch Watershed** *Noted – William Kibler will be contacted to request that the EC be notified of the next upcoming meeting in a timely fashion.*

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Environmental Commission Web Page Discussion** *Steve Foster informed everyone that it is a “work in progress”.*

- 2. Public Utilities Regs discussion** *All comments and changes must be forwarded to Jackie Oliphant in order to be incorporated into her letter. A recent article in the Star Ledger discussed Branchburg Township’s concerns regarding the clear cutting of vegetation. It is clear that the public has not been informed that the regulations are not yet adopted and that the public utilities are performing the tree cutting as though the rules have been adopted. A request will be made to Branchburg Township in order to obtain a copy of their letter that was sent to the Public Utilities.*

- 3. LOI Block 5.11, lot 2.01 review** – *On behalf of the EC, Jim Hutzelmann drafted a letter to the State of New Jersey for the EC’s review regarding their environmental concerns concerning this property which is located in Branchburg Township. It was determined that the letter was in final form and should be forwarded to the State.*

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Bylaws** – *Carried to the next meeting.*

- 2. Community Well Test EC Schedule** – *The EC reviewed the schedule and determined that there would be adequate coverage for the 3 pickup days.*

- 3. Newsletter deadline – October 12th.** – *No comments.*

G. Site Plan Review and Comment:

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

- 1. Solberg Aviation Co.**

Preliminary Major Subdivision

Block 40, lot 1

Signed extension and carried to October 8, 2007 *Noted, no comments.*

2. **Michael Eng**
Minor Subdivision
Block 97, lot 2
Signed extension and carried to October 8, 2007 *Noted, no comments*

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

- 1 **TC&D Builders Corp. c/o Anthony Ciarlotta**
Preliminary Major Subdivision
Block 97, lot 4
636 Old York Road
Action date: October 20, 2007 *Noted, no comments*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

1. **CharDham Hindu Temple/Readington**
Use Variance & Preliminary Site Plan
25A Coddington Road *Noted, no comments*
2. **Station Center Investors, LLC**
c/o Net Property Management
547 Route 22
Variance
Action date: December 14, 2007 *Noted, no comments*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETENESS FILES:

1. **Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless**
State Highway 31 & Foothill Road
Block 61, lot 5.02
Variance
Action date: November 1, 2007 *Noted, no comments*

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 Lake Drive Estates, Block 21.12, lot 46.06
“Report of Compliance” *Noted***
- 2. HCSCD regarding Villani Dwelling, Block 55, lot 7.08 “Letter
of conditional certification” *Noted***
- 3. HCSCD regarding Rockaway Creek, LLC Block 39, lot 57
“Okay to Issue Building Permit” *Noted***

L. Public Comment *None*

M. ADJOURNMENT:

*Jim Hutzelmann made a motion to adjourn 7:58 p.m. Jackie Oliphant
seconded the motion. Motion was carried with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none
recorded*

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Jacukowicz