

**Washington Township Environmental Commission (WTEC)**  
**(Morris Cty), New Jersey**  
**Minutes of September 11, 2006 7:30 PM Meeting**  
( Note: No agenda exists for this Meeting because of a late Rotating Chairmanship substitution.)

Prepared by: Mark Napolitano, Acting Chairman

I. Attendance:

Present: Mark Napolitano, CJ Sinko, Kathy Smith, Valerie Walsh, Ken Short (Township Committee liaison)

Absent: Bob Balsamo, Frank Ferraro, Merv Haines, Anthony LaVista

II. Upper Raritan Watershed Association (URWA) Presentation: Mrs. Cynthia Ehrenclou and two other members from the URWA attended the meeting to discuss the WTEC functions, and how the URWA can assist the WTEC meet its goals. Several projects and environmental efforts within WT were discussed. Also discussed in detail by the URWA representatives was the background of the organization, conservation easements, educational outreach programs, and their capabilities in supporting GIS-based objectives including environmental resource inventories. URWA literature was provided and discussed, as well as their upcoming Fall Festival on October 8 at the Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, Bedminster.

III. Highlands Act Exemption Applications: Several application notices from Township property owners were reviewed requesting exemption determination. Properties include: Dianne Gallets, 52 West Valley Brook Rd., Blk 34, Lots 11.08, 11.09, and 11.10; John and Carol Meola, 41 Zellers Rd., Blk 51, Lots 6.05 and 6.06.

IV. Highlands Act Exemption Applicability Determinations: Several letters from the NJDEP were discussed which documented agency determination regarding Highlands Act Exemption. Properties included: Blue Crest Farms, West Mill Rd. Blk 33, Lot 72 – Exempt; Long Valley 3 Cell Site, 204 Schooley's Mt. Rd., Blk22, Lot 28 – Not Exempt.

V. Resolution Distribution U.S. Homes Corp – Age Restricted Homes: A resolution regarding the application for the development of Blk 19, Lots 5, 6, and 7, approx 121 acres, located at corner of Schooley’s Mt. Rd. and Newburg Rd was reviewed. The application was approved by the Planning Board, subject to a number of conditions.

VI. Site Plan – Block 2 Lots 9 & 10 – Rt. 46: A final site plane for the construction by Primax Properties of an Advance Auto Parts store on Rt. 46 was reviewed. A number of environmental concerns were discussed, and Mark will prepare and submit these concerns to the Planning Board as was requested.

VII. Invasive Species: Kathy discussed starting an effort within WT to address the problem of invasive vegetative species. Public education regarding the issue was discussed as an initial goal, as well as obtaining public and Township support with the effort to control the invasive species.

VIII. Other Issues No other issues were discussed.

IX. Meeting Adjourned – Next Meeting October 2, 2006.