

Environmental Commission
Washington Township (Morris Cty), New Jersey
Minutes of October 2, 2006

There was no agenda for this meeting

Prepared by: Anthony F. LaVista

I. Attendance:

Present: Mark Napolitano, Anthony LaVista (Chaired Meeting), Merv Haines, Valerie Walsh, Frank Ferraro. Absent: CJ Sinko, Bob Balsamo, & Kathy Smith

II. Minutes of 9/11/06 were approved.

III. Conservation Easement

Mark brought up the prospect of the Commission thinking of new ways to encourage residents to respect and honor the conservation easements on their property. Mark stated that as of late he has seen a lot of activity taking place within conservation easement areas. Merv informed the Commission that the Land Trust was at one time preparing a map of all conservation easement in the Township. He did not know what the status of the project was. Mark proposed the Commission sending a letter to every homeowner with an easement reminding them of where it is on their property and of the activities that should not be taking place within that area. Mark also said he was going to check with Mendham Township and see what steps they have taken to enforce their easements.

IV. Correspondence Reviewed.

- 1 The Commission received flier from the South Branch Watershed Association concerning their Wine tasting event to be held on 10/15/06 in Clinton, the Upper Raritan Watershed Association would be holding an Old Fashioned Country Fair on October 8th in Bedminster.
- 2 The Township of East Hanover will be holding a workshop on conservation Easements on 10/17/06 at 7pm in the East Hanover Twp Municipal Building.
- 3 The Commission received a copy of the DEP Bulletin dated Sept 20, 2006 as well as the Washington Twp Board of Health Agenda for the September 25, 2006 meeting.
- 4 The Commission was copied on a DEP Highlands Act Exemption for construction on property owned by Heath Village, Lots 71 & 72 of Block 20.
- 5 The Commission was copied on a DEP Highlands Act Exemption for replacement of an existing deteriorated undersized culvert with a new pre-cast concrete culver located over a tributary of the Musconetcong River on Schooley's Mountain Road.
- 6 Letter from Morris County Soil Conservation vacating a Stop Work Order on the Black Oak Golf Club, Block 18, Lots, 1,09, 3, 6, 8, 10, 21, 21.04,27,28,29,29.01.
- 7 Letter from Ferriero Engineering to the DEP asking for a Stream Encroachment Permit on Block 55, Lot 18. Hardship waiver for exiting Metal Barn located within Floodway.
- 8 Letter from DEP, Revoking Highlands Act Exemption granted to Cingular

Wireless to mount 12 panel antennas on an existing 120 foot lattice tower located on Lot 28, Block 22.

V. Stream Testing Fall 2006

Mark sent an email to Kevin Lifer to inquire how much we received in our budget for stream testing. Mark also said he was going to look at the data for the last 3 years and see if he could identify problem areas. He'd like for the Commission to consider testing these problem areas this time around. A date for the fall stream testing was not set by the Commission.

VII. Soil Disturbance Removal Permit: Greenbriar Riverview, Block 19, Lots, 6 & 7. The Commission would like to see Norton's report. Merv will reach out to Ginny Kesper of the Planning Board and ask that the Commission be copied on this report.

VIII. Mev's Email address: Mev informed the Commission that he now has a computer and an email address. It is Mervhaines@goes.com.

IX. Next Meeting: 5/01/06, CJ will chair.

X. Meeting Adjourned.