

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission **Minutes approved 21 December**
Meeting 16 November 2017 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, co-chair; Linda Beauregard, Casey Holtzworth, Dan McItyre

Minutes: Minutes from the September and October meetings were approved and sent to the town clerk.

Discussion: Charlie's status, co-chairs, EC positions after new year

Contact Reports:

Town Board: Nov 2

Tax cap override. Proposal to raise taxes less than 2% above the previous limit. The proceeds would be used to: expand recreation program, support road improvement program, and continue the clean-up weeks. The proposal was approved.

Nov 9 (from agenda)

- (1) Unsafe buildings: 7 Lake Desolation Rd and 6 Main Street
- (2) Brookhaven Park Pavilion update

ZBA: Oct 3

(1) Ure Way (Lally) Area Variance to build a new home on a existing lot with a house. Requested information has been provided: map, location of existing house, location of proposed house, size comparisons. The properties would be separated and the older house sold. ZBA describes the driveway as private and needing an easement in the deeds. The application is tabled pending Open Development decision from TB.

(2) Rte 9N ((Jenkins) Area Variance to install solar collectors. ZBA grants the request, citing no environmental damage and heavy shielding that will prevent changing the nature of the neighborhood.

(3) Sand Hill Rd (Gashel) Area Variance to install a solar collector. The property is 96 ft too narrow. Application is approved because no undesirable change to the neighborhood is for-seen and no damage to the environment will result.

Nov 7 (from agenda)

- (1) Clinton St (Smith & Fleming) Area Variance
- (2) Plank Rd (Goodson) Area Variance
- (3) Squashville Rd (Vanderzee) Area Variance

Planning Board Oct 31

(1) Rte 9N (Jenkins) Special Use Permit to install a solar collector

Public Hearing brought no comments and the SEQRA indicated no environmental damage. The application was approved since it meets the criteria in the new Town Regulations.

(2) Sand Hill Rd (Gashel) Special Use Permit to install a solar collector
(Same result as #1, above).

(3) Old Stone Ridge (Witt Construction) PUD Amendment

After discussion it was decided that the applicant's landscape architect will be asked to prepare the landscape plan and provide documentation of its completion. The CCE rep, not the Town code enforcement officer did the inspection so this procedure is somewhat different from usual and PB remains involved.

(4) 100 Saratoga Blvd (Prestwick Chase) PUD

a. PB determines that the amended PUD requires a new SEQRA.

b. Discussion about the timeline and whose responsibility SEQRA completion is. Since questions remain about Part 1 and no applicant rep is attending this meeting, Part 2 will not be reviewed yet.

c. The applicant will be offered the option of proceeding with the new SEQRA or withdrawing the application.

(5) Squashville Rd (Vanderzee) ZBA referral: Open Development to be considered by TB Nov 14 (from agenda)

(1) Ure Way (Leigh) Open Development referral from TB

(2) Locust Grove Rd (Corell) Major subdivision

(3) Old Stone Ridge Rd (Witt Construction) Reforestation Bond Recommendation

(4) Saratoga Blvd (Prestwick Chase) PUD Amendment SEQRA

(5) Porter Rd. Saratoga Rod & Gun Club Revision of Special Use Permit

Correspondence

(1) We delivered a recommendation to PB on SaraSpa's Site Plan Review on Oct 30. We've since learned that SaraSpa has a lead abatement program.

(2) Received brochures: State of the Park 2017-18, Sustaining and Enhancing New York's Clean Water, Help Stop Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Town Parks: (Theresa) A high school student with community service goals will survey the plant signs this fall.

Adopt-a-Roadside: (Theresa) High School student with service goals has surveyed roadside signs and made a report to Theresa. The students may be able to assist with the annual letter. Stewarts has completed its Fall clean-up and reported to Theresa. She asked us if anyone is connected with the Greenfield Baptist Church, where her connection to the Adopt-a-highway team has passed away.

New business:

(1) Discussion of the Survey (2015, 2016): we'll continue looking for ways to involve more people on issues like minimizing road salt, community composting, controlling invasives, and minimizing open development. Results might be presented on-line with a tool like Charlie's Palmertown website as a model. On-line tool "NextDoor" was suggested as a possibility.

(2) Continued discussion of EC proposal for a hydrogeologic study of the town's water resources. Saratoga PLAN has the aquifer data in its maps and a consultant could help the Town coordinate our Comprehensive Plan with our water resources. *Since most of us drink the ground*

water, we hope to protect it beyond the general State and National standards as the Town grows and develops. Recent ideas: Casey's description of Moreau L. study, possible CDTC assistance, and hydrologic study by USGS in 1988 analyzed the ground-water resources in Saratoga County.

(3) Casey suggested "iMap Invasive" as a source to monitor invasive species that are approaching our area. For example, a Chinese jumping worm is replacing common earthworms in parts of the US, probably arriving in the soil of imported plants.

(4) Southern Palmertown workshop at Greenfield Community Center Wed, Dec 13 6PM-8PM is recommended to all who have local knowledge of the region. Saratoga PLAN will share plans for recreation, conservation, and economic development.

Next Meeting: 21 December 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Note: Next meeting will include our traditional holiday cookie exchange