

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Minutes approved Jan 22

Meeting 20 December 2014 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, Chair; Jim Bruchac, Dan McIntyre, Vern Utter, Vince Walsh

Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were approved and sent to the town clerk.

Contact Reports:

Town Board Nov 13:

(1) Prestwick PUD (continued) (a) Denton Rd residents asked about: drainage and traffic study
(b) Stewarts may get its county water supply from Church St. and no line may come down Denton Rd. The Town would not accept responsibility for future water shortage, if it occurred.
(c) Access to Daniels Rd was discussed. Report that Planning Bd. has considered it thoroughly.
(2) Archers Vly agreement with NYSDEC was discussed. DEC requested a contract from Town.
(3) Three emergency squad contracts were approved: Wilton ES, Community ES, and Corinth ES, budgeted at: \$58000, \$50000, and \$50000. (4) Contact was reported from Env Com about: participation in code revision, reduced mowing plan on roadsides, and planning to control deer ticks.

November 24: (1) Equipment declared surplus, (2) Authorized purchase of F350 pickup truck.

ZBA Dec 2:

(1) Locust Grove Rd (Mason) permitted to build addition to garage with 24 ft of side clearance.
(2) Spier Falls Rd (Gyarmathy) public hearing opened without comment. Permitted to complete with 41 ft. front yard clearance. Discussion of the history leading to this situation: building from the 30's, burned and rebuilt, too rocky for septic in front yard. (3) Discussion of adding another step to the inspection before footings are poured to assure required clearance exists.

Planning Board Nov 25:

(1) Young Rd (DeLorenzo) presented site plan for a dwelling in a 12-Ac. hay field. Public Hearing is scheduled for Dec 9. (2) North Creek Rd (Merrills) permitted to subdivide into 3 lots with a 13 ft reduction of frontage on the middle lot. ZBA held a public hearing and nobody had comments. Short form SEQRA yielded only negative responses. (3) Daniels Rd. (Skidmore College) Presented the concept of composting facility for horse manure, yard waste, and coffee grounds. The product will be used for campus landscaping projects. The lot is 38 Ac. and the project will take less than 1 Ac. Drainage from the surface will go into a settling basin. A public hearing was set for Dec 9. (4) PB is scheduling a visit to the Witt site on Old Stone Ridge. The visit would be just to collect observations, no mediation neighbors. Discussion will proceed at the next public meeting.

December 9: (1) Humes Rd. (Cornell) Subdivision is extended 90 days with no changes to the site or the plans. (2) NYS Rte. 9N (Chwaz) Special Use Permit is extended for 1 yr, until Jan 13, 2016. (3) Plank Rd (Albertson) Applied for Special Use Permit to collect maple sap on 8.5 Ac, purchased from Evans. No dwelling is planned and no sale is planned from the site. Permit is granted. (4) Young Rd (DeLorenzo) Public hearing for Site Plan review is opened. No comments are offered. (5) Daniels Rd (Skidmore College) Public hearing for Site Plan Review; no

comments are offered. The town engineer has asked for a revision of the storm water plan to keep runoff away from the brook. A new drainage plan is presented. No building is planned.

(6) Old Stone Ridge (Witt) Subdivision amendment. The applicant is not present. The public hearing is continued. Neighbors describe: misleading description of cleared woods and misleading discription of cleaned-up logging waste. PB discussion is postponed until the applicant is present.

Correspondence

- (1) Memo to Town Supervisor re: EC participation in code revisions and topics to consider.
- (2) Sample mailing received from Wilton Wildlife.

Town Parks No report

Adopt-a-Roadside No Report

New business:

- (1) We have asked MaryAnn to advertise for a 7th member of the EC.
- (2) We re-visited long-term planning on topics for potential community projects:
 - (a) preserving milkweed and blue lupine habitats
 - (b) preserving natural roadside vegetation wherever it is not a traffic hazard
 - (c) natural means for reducing the hazard of ticks.
- (3) The Environmental Action Survey has been reproduced and distribution has begun.
- (4) Website input was discussed: adopt-a-highway report, catalog of trees, wetland indicator plants. They will be forwarded to MaryAnn Johnson.
- (5) We'll consider adopting a highway ourselves in the spring when one is identified.

Next Meeting 22 January 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM