

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission
Meeting 9 April 2015

Minutes approved 28 May

at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, Chair; Charlie Dake, Theresa Ellsworth, Rosemary Jensen, Nancy Kmen, Dan McIntyre, Vince Walsh

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

Contact Reports:

Town Board Mar 12:

- (1) Letter from V. Walsh about affordable internet was read and discussed.
- (2) Recommendations from EC about four new members.
- (3) Denton Rd (P. Bouchard) report on plans to truck nuclear waste to Corinth and then haul it through Greenfield by rail. Asked about plans for nuclear waste accident.
- (4) Code Revision meetings planned for next 3 months.
- (5) Town Resident Cards for town-wide clean-up, also for Brookhaven discount, and Youth Comm. Events
- (6) Town-wide Clean-up at Town Garage Apr 25-May 3, 2015. No Tires will be accepted.
- (7) Road Salt budget is overspent. Salt used is 4750 Tons, compared to 10-yr. average of 4200 Tons. Sand use this season is a record 3000 Tons.
- (8) Brigham Rd. Park proposal to expand the trails as Eagle Scout projects.
- (9) Humes Rd (Cornell) proposed to have escrow funds tapped for paving as portions of the foundation is completed.
- (10) No-smoking policy at Town facilities be considered to include vapor cigarettes.

ZBA No report

Planning Board Mar 31:

- (1) Brittany Chase Major subdivision: The original plan to divide 63 Ac into 10 lots is reduced to 9 lots due to presence of DEC and ACOE wet-lands.
 - A. The number of shared driveways is reduced, which increases the total paved area.
 - B. One lot next to a storm water basin has been removed from the plan.
 - C. The size of cul-de-sacs needs to match the road equipment used by the Town.
 - D. The nine soil boring sites should be shown on the map.
 - E. Some of the roads on slopes will need to be revised because wetland is too close and they may be partially filled when the grading is done.
 - F. ACOE rep has told the Town that a wet-land enforcement is still underway from the Phase II. That would need to be satisfied.
- (2) Old Stone Ridge (Witt) The remediation plan is discussed. The PB approved the plan with several contingencies:
 - A. Executive summary of dates for replanting and inspections through a Sept 2016 completion date.
 - B. Notes from Cornell CE and Mandy's Spring Nursery will detail the planting plans.
 - C. Definition of Managed Scenic Buffer will be added. HOA will take control once the lots are sold.

D. Bond for the replanting to be approved by Town Engineer, Town Attorney, and Town Board.

E. Erosion Control measures and SWPPP will be followed throughout.

Correspondence

(1) Agenda for Code Revision Committee meeting was forwarded from Nancy.

Town Parks Porter Corners Nature Trail will be cleaned and signs assessed on May 2 @ 9:30 AM. All members are invited to participate.

Adopt-a-Roadside Theresa plans to find an associate who can work with her this year.

New business:

- (1) Long-term planning on topics for potential community projects:
 - (a) Roadside vegetation <pollinators.org> website as a resource for members
 - (b) The Environmental Action Survey (Dec 2014) early returns (N=19). Seven more returns were collected today.
 - (c) Members to participate in Vince's 5.2 mi. roadside clean-up in the spring.
- (2) Membership list is updated and will be circulated by email.
- (3) Plan for Brookhaven walk and survey was discussed.
- (4) Nancy will contact the Corinth person expressing concerns about nuclear waste loading there. Ken will draft a memo to our TB expressing reasons for concern about nuclear waste transport through Greenfield and circulate it to EC members for feedback.
- (5) Members will forward input for Code Revision Committee to Vince or Nancy. They will meet twice more before our May meeting.
- (6) May meeting: will be either May 21 with alternate chairperson or May 28 with KB.

Next Meeting 28 May 2015

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM