

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission
Meeting 20 August 2015

Minutes approved Sept 17

at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Visitors (1) Four residents of Middle Grove Rd expressed their positions regarding the salvage yard proposed for their neighborhood. Their concerns included: incompatibility of industrial site with residential zoning, increased road traffic, storm-water run-off, noise, lighting, dangers to children in residential area, danger to property values, vulnerable wetlands, danger to wells, fluid spills from junk cars, rumors of additional junk to be hauled into the salvage yard.

(2) From Saratoga PLAN, Maria Trabka addressed EC about planning for use of public lands. She shared landscape analysis maps, planned trails to Adirondacks, county open space plans, Hudson Valley Greenway plans, trails planning process, funding available for planning, and the opportunities for conservation when development is underway.

Contact Reports:

Town Board Aug 13: (Charlie)

- (1) Salvage yard
- (2) Community center proposal for Brookhaven
- (3) DEC processing Daniels Rd. violations.

ZBA Aug 4: (Nancy)

- (1) Derek & Jennifer Zeh – Bump Hill Rd. Approved amendment to previously approved variance for front, rear & left side yard setbacks
- (2) UMH NY Brookview MHP, LLC – NYS Route 9N --After much discussion, the application was tabled till the September 1st meeting, and the board votes to reopen the public hearing at that time.
- (3) Colin & Lisa Quinn – Area Variance, Lake Desolation Road – Approved area variance for 5.51 acres for in-law apartment.
- (4) There was further discussion of the UMH application on the part of the Board.

Planning Board Jul 28: (Linda)

- (1) Miner Rd (Van Gelder) application was approved with no environmental impact.
- (2) Middle Grove Rd (Ballestero) was discussed.

Aug 11:

- (1) Locust Grove Rd.(Podhajecki) application for Special Use Permit for Bed and Breakfast. PB requested more details in future.
- (2) Greene Rd. (Vanier) plans to begin a subdivision and will provide more details.
- (3) Plank Rd (Evans) application was discussed

Correspondence

- (1) Friends of Kayaderoseras Newsletters received for several members.

Town Parks (Theresa) Suggested picking a date to mount new signs on Porter Corners Nature Trail. We decided pick a convenient date after school starts.

Adopt-a-Roadside No report

New business:

(1) Long-term planning on topics for potential community projects:

(a) The Environmental Action Survey (Dec 2014). Fifty returns tabulated. Several quotes from citizens were reported. Data are allowing us to rank features that most commonly arouse concerns as well as environmental activities in which Greenfield residents would most likely participate.

(b) Roadside mowing projects underway in several locations: Peoria Co, Il, Mn State, and Xerces Society were summarized.

(2) Brookhaven trail area recommendation: We'll visit the Saratoga Plan meeting on August 26 (5:30 in the County Office Complex) to gather more information about county resources. A draft of recommendations will be shared and discussed at our September meeting.

(3) A memo to PB listing environmental concerns to the salvage yard proposal on Middle Grove Rd. will be distributed to EC for feedback during the week of Aug 23. We will plan to deliver it before end of August.

(4) Plans are forming for Breakfast with Vern.

Next Meeting: 17 Sept 2015

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM