

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission

Minutes approved Feb 19

Meeting 22 January 2015 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, Chair; Dan McIntyre, Vince Walsh

Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were approved and sent to the town clerk. Three members at this meeting probably constitute a quorum, with two resignations not yet filled.

Contact Reports:

Town Board Dec 11:

- (1) Unsafe building on Plank Rd. has been removed by the highway department.
- (2) Owner at 984 Plank Rd. has applied for a building permit as requested by the enforcement officer.
- (3) Eagle Scout Liam Ferris has completed installation of cooking grills at Town Park in Greenfield Center and the TB approved paying the remaining expenses.
- (4) Prestwick Chase PUD wording is being revised by town counsel.
- (5) Three junkyards were renewed: M&J Construction, Gaba Brothers, and Cornell Used Auto Parts.
- (6) Skidmore Appropriation Funds will be divided between: Highway Fund \$100K and General Fund \$100K.
- (7) Discussion of plans for the Prestwick Chase construction entrance. Daniels Rd. has a more substantial foundation than Denton Rd for heavy trucks traffic, but Daniels Rd has very heavy traffic and blind corners.

January 8:

- (1) EC members are reappointed. Dan Cochran will be TB representative to EC. Resignation of Michael Getz from EC.
- (2) Neighbor to Prestwick Chase suggests independent study of drainage onto his property, which has increased as a result of previous construction at Prestwick.
- (3) Town Counsel has final wording of Prestwick PUD. Discussion of storm water plan and the traffic study continued.
- (4) Town assessor has discussions with Skidmore College about taxing the property that lies within Greenfield.
- (5) Town highways are temporarily posted to prevent trucks over 4 tons.

ZBA Jan 6: (1) North Broadway (Skidmore College) Area Variance application is received to convert residential building on N. Broadway to office space. The lot has only 100 ft. of road frontage and the requirement is 120 ft. (2) Liberty Drive (Harris) Application for approval of an unapproved apartment over the garage.

Planning Board Dec 30: (1) Young Rd. (DeLorenzo) Request is approved for a site plan review to install a modular home on agricultural field.

- (2) Daniels Rd (Skidmore College) Special Use Permit is approved to construct a composting facility.
- (3) Plank Rd (Evans) Review of map and deed language for subdivision into three lots with a common driveway. Suggestion was made to allow sufficient width for individual driveways if future owners desire them. The developer will need DEC permit to cross a stream.

(4) Old Stone Ridge (Witt) Discussion of the reforestation plan for several acres that have been cleared without HOA approval. Suggestion from PB to develop a written plan and a map using the design from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Number of trees to replant, size of trees, and cost is discussed at length. Public Hearing opened at 8:52 and neighbors described damage to 6-7 acres that they want repaired by the developer. (5) N. Broadway (Skidmore College) application to convert residence to administrative office space. (6) Griffen Rd (Aven) Application to build a motocross practice track on 20 acres of the 100-acre farm. The plan would include 3 acres of parking space and portable restroom facilities. The SEQRA short form does not address the noise that could be produced (visit echovalleynymx.com website for some background).

Correspondence

(1) Letter of resignation from EC member Lavern Utter, effective 28 Feb 2015.

Town Parks (Theresa) sent a message suggesting an early clean-up and assessment of needs at the Porter Corners Nature Trail.

Adopt-a-Roadside No Report

New business:

(1) We have asked MaryAnn to advertise for members 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 yielded a sample of results. A chart is being designed and results being tabulated.

(4) Website input is being considered: adopt-a-highway report, catalog of trees, wetland indicator plants.

(5) We'll consider adopting a highway ourselves in the spring when one is identified.

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Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM