

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission
Meeting 16 July 2015

Minutes approved 20 Aug
at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, Chair; Linda Beauregard, Charlie Dake, Nancy Kmen, Vince Walsh

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

Contact Reports:

Town Board Jul 9: (Charlie)

- (1) Reports on Unsafe Buildings
- (2) Discussion of Eagle Scout projects
- (3) Discussion of Junkyard license

ZBA Jul 7:(Nancy)

- (1) Brookview MHP (UMH NY)– Area Variance Looking for approval of the original application -2007. Code had changed since & now requires 10,500 sq. feet per unit. Board asking for original code language & map of the expansion. A public hearing is scheduled for August 4th, pending receipt of the information.
- (2) Brigham Road (Saratoga Escape) – Granted variance for new sign.
- (3) Middle Grove Road, Route 9N Greenfield (Stewart’s Shop #310, #360) – Variance granted for new sign with LED internal lighting.

Planning Board Jun 30: No meeting

July 14 (Kathy)

- (1) Miner Rd (Van Gelder) application for a subdivision. The subdivision had previous been logged, has slopes and one lot is adjacent to a stream. Appropriate setbacks from the stream will be required per town staff. Use of enhanced treatment units for onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) will be shared with Boards for use when septics are close to waterbodies.
- (2) Brookview Motor Home Park application for an area variance.
- (3) SEQRA received for 183 Middle Grove Rd. contractor storage yard.

Correspondence

- (1) Historical Society Newsletter will include EC’s thank-you for printing the Environmental Activity Survey.
- (2) We decided not to continue yearly membership dues New York Association of Conservation Commissions.

Town Parks No report

Adopt-a-Roadside No report

New business:

- (1) Long-term planning on topics for potential community projects: The Environmental Action Survey (Dec 2014). Forty-three returns amounts to 0.6% of 7362 Greenfield residents or 1.6% of

2761 households, according to US census figures. We'll accumulate returns for a few more weeks and then prepared a summary for EC and TB.

(2) Brookhaven trail area recommendation: We discussed maps and potential levels of development. Picnic pavilions and marked trails are gaining favor. We'll check with Brookhaven staff about access to areas off the greens. We'll visit the Saratoga Plan meeting on August 26 (5:30 in the County Office Complex) to gather more information about county resources.

(3) Charlie has invited an officer of Saratoga Plan to attend our August meeting.

(4) Kathy brought a sample of an "Adirondack Lawn" sign that is posted on properties in L. George to discourage use of fertilizers and pesticides, which can damage ground water.

(5) We'll monitor the application for Contractor's Storage Yard on Middle Grove Rd., which has been sent to PB. Adjacent wetland makes it a place of environmental interest.

(6) Plans are forming for Breakfast with Vern. Members will be notified soon.

Next Meeting: 20 Aug 2015

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM