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**Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission**

**Minutes approved Jul 16**

**Meeting 18 June 2015** at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:03 PM.

**Attending:** Ken Blom, Chair; Linda Beauregard, Jim Bruchac, Charlie Dake, Theresa Ellsworth, Nancy Kmen, Dan McIntyre

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

## **Contact Reports:**

### **Town Board Jun 11:**

- (1) Four unsafe buildings
- (2) Application for septic variance at 500 Allen Rd.
- (3) Discussion of Junkyard license 183 Middle Grove Rd.
- (4) Update on Code Revisions
- (5) Report on Spring clean-up week
- (6) Brigham Road Park development

### **ZBA Jun 2:** (Nancy)

- (1) Application for Area Variance at 265 Brigham Rd (Saratoga Escape). A public hearing is set for July 7.
- (2) Application for Area Variance (Stewarts Middle Grove and Rte. 9N). ZBA is still awaiting information requested at May 5 meeting.
- (3) Application for Area Variance on Miner Rd (Gates). The rear setback would be 13 ft. The request was granted, judging no physical or environmental effects.
- (4) Discussion of signs at Stewarts and Saratoga Escape: the minimum size that can be read while driving past.

**Planning Board Jun 9:** (1) Application for minor subdivision on Miner Rd (Van Gelder). The property is partly in Corinth and it has no access to electrical power. PB told the owner that supplying power is the responsibility of the sub-divider.

- (2) Brigham Rd (Saratoga Escape) area variance addresses an existing sign that will be replaced. It is already the subject of a previous area variance.
- (3) Discussion of application on Plank Rd (Evans). More information will be sought by the Town Engineer.

## **Correspondence**

(1) New York Association of Conservation Commissions request \$75 for our 2015 membership. Their quarterly newsletter is available at: ([www.nysaccny.org](http://www.nysaccny.org)). It includes: Resources and Recognition for Creating Sustainable New York Communities (by J. NADEAU). EC members are asked to check the newsletter out before our next meeting in July.

**Town Parks** (Theresa) Several new signs are being ordered.

**Adopt-a-Roadside** (Theresa) Ken submitted request for postage reimbursement from the TB.

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## **New business:**

- (1) Long-term planning on topics for potential community projects:  
The Environmental Action Survey (Dec 2014) early returns (N=43). Suggestions from responders have been tentatively sorted into: Chemical (5), Information(8), Enforcement(5), Ecology(5), and Development(8).
- (2) Some members have visited the Brookhaven trail area and more are planning to visit. Discussion about recreational uses for the woodland and desirable limits on such uses have begun.
- (3) Ken reported on Saratoga Plan meeting he attended. The organization is coordinating efforts to build a network of foot, bike, and horse trails from the Adirondacks to Thatcher Park. They have access to grants for professional planning of local projects. Their next meeting will be Aug 12 @ 5:30 in the County Office Complex, Ballston Spa.
- (4) A report about Suffolk Co's deteriorated ground water describes nitrate levels so high that it's killing wildlife in the adjoining Great South Bay. Commercial clamming has ended. The causes appear to be untreated sewage from old septic systems and agricultural fertilizer. The population in Suffolk Co is 4 times that of Saratoga Co but it shows what can happen if ground water quality is not protected.
- (5) Resident Alan Van Dyk visited the meeting and described a proposal to support sustainable agriculture in Saratoga County. It was suggested he continue developing the plan and to return to future EC meetings.
- (4) Plans are forming for Breakfast with Vern. Members will be notified soon.

Next Meeting: 16 Jul 2015

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM