

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission Minutes approved 25 May
Meeting 20 April 2017 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, Co-chair; Charlie Dake, Co-chair; Linda Beauregard

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

May meeting date: will move to the fourth Thursday, 25 May.

Contact Reports:

Town Board: Apr 6

(1) Report from Apr 6 meeting w/ TB, PB, ZBA (6:00-7:15), attended by Linda, Rosemary, Dan, and Ken. Discussions of: Greenfield tax base report, Planning & Zoning reports, other topics

(2) TB meeting at 7:30 was Executive session without minutes

Apr 13 (from agenda)

(1) Prestwick-Chase Amend/ Modify PUD

(2) Open Development- Jarrod Mahay- L. Desolation Rd.

(3) Advertise Public Hearing MS4 (Storm Water) 2016 report

(4) Various officials changing positions

ZBA Mar (No report)

Planning Board Mar 28

(1) _____(LaMothe) Special Use Permit for a burial on property.

Discussion of SEQRA and a Public Hearing is set for Apr 11.

(2) Daniels Rd (Kirkwood) Boundary adjustment between parent's and daughter's properties. Will be handled by Chair and Code Enforcement Officer.

(3) Locust Grove Rd.(Cornell) Major subdivision to create 6 lots: one lot of 15 Ac and 5 lots of 6 Ac each. Wetlands exist and 100 ft buffers will be allowed. Request from PB for plot plans showing sight distances for driveways, locations for wells, septics, and homes. A public hearing will be scheduled when all details are received.

(4) Griffen and Locust Grove Rd (Collura) Minor subdivision for 3 lots of 6 Ac. each and 1 lot of 50 Ac. A complete narrative is requested and a public hearing is set for Apr 11.

(5) Maple Ave (Ford) Request to convert residence into a medical building with 5 offices. Only 50 ft of road frontage exist but 100 ft is required. ZBA will be consulted for a variance. Fifteen parking places will be included. Paved parking was discussed. The property to the north is an old firehouse, now commercial property. Driveway is discussed because space is limited.

(6) _____(Lena) Minor subdivision tabled until April 11.

Correspondence :

(1) Resignation letter from Nancy Kmen. We have several strategies to find a

replacement: visiting resident, post position in Pennysaver, or recommendation from Nancy.

(2) Contact with Clarkson Graduate Division in Schenectady to inquire about possible intern to assist with organization of applications for development. Will explore SUNYA also.

Town Parks: No report

Tentative date for Porter Corners trail clean-up: Saturday 3 Jun @ 9:AM

Adopt-a-Roadside: No report

New business:

(1) Discussion of EC proposal for a hydrogeologic study of the town's water resources, when the Comprehensive Plan is revised. Since most of us drink the ground water, we hope to protect it beyond the general State and National standards as the Town grows and develops. We raised the topic @ Apr 6 meeting with other Town Committees. We received some positive feedback from members of other committees.

(2) Monarch Watch project is seeking volunteers to count butterflies near their homes in August and September 2017. Interested folks can sign up at: <http://monarchwatch.org>.

(3) Ken reported on a project intending to calculate the total number of tree species that exist. An on-line archive already lists 60,000 known species (red oak, white pine, plus 59,998 others).

Next Meeting: 25 May 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM

NOTES to members: * Porter Corners Trail clean-up an 3 June @ 9:AM

* Next E.C. Meeting will be 25 May @ 7:PM.
