

**Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission**

**Minutes approved 17 Sept.**

**Meeting 15 August 2013** at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:03 PM.

**Attending:** Ken Blom, Chair; Jim Bruchac, Theresa Ellsworth, Nancy Kmen, Vern Utter, Vince Walsh

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

**Contact Reports:**

**Town Board** Aug 8 (1) Received a request for moratorium on solar farms. (2) Board of Health addressed 3 unsafe buildings ( S. Greenfield Rd, Medbury Rd., Middle Grove Rd.)

**ZBA** Aug 6 (1) Maple Ave (Ballston Mourningkill Assoc) requests an area variance to build an office building and apartments on 3 previously occupied lots.

(2) Wilton Rd (M. Lewis) requests an area variance to construct an in-law apartment in an existing building.

**PB** Jul 30 (1) Brigham Rd (W. Dennison) applied for a permit for a doggie day-care in a barn that already houses horses.

(2) Plank Rd (D. Evans) applied to amend a subdivision.

(3) Denton Rd (Skidmore) The EC's recommendation is recognized. Questions remain about the PUD, related to: definition of horse events, intensity of recreational use, possibility of "light industrial" classification, neighbor's environmental issues including runoff, and a traffic study for Denton Rd.

(4) Denton Rd (Prestwick) discussion continued about: a traffic study, sight clearance @ Daniels Rd, and need for a new Environmental Impact Study beyond the one done in 1999.

(5) Ballston Mourningkill (M. Lewis) referred to ZBA.

**Zoning Administration** No report

**Saratoga County Water Quality Committee** No report

**Correspondence** None received

**Town Parks** Theresa will check on trailhead map boxes.

**Adopt-a-Roadside** Theresa requests that an alternate coordinator be recruited. She plans to work together for a year and then relinquish the title. She needs time for other pursuits.

**New business:** (1)Town Board is recruiting a committee to develop regulations for solar power installations. EC members are encouraged to participate. (2)Theresa asked that we review the town's water quality study from many years ago and consider updating it. (3)Vince noted that the guard rails on Rte 9N have been sprayed with defoliant. Those of us depending on wells for drinking water may share his concern. (4)Ken reported that Vermont wind power generators were curtailed during the recent heat wave because lines are not big enough to carry their power to where it was needed. The same has happened in NH, Maine, and Texas. The power line project currently underway in Greenfield may reduce the chance of that happening here.

**Next Meeting** 17 September 2013

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM

**Note:** We've rescheduled the September meeting to third Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup>) instead of Thursday because members will be out of town.