

Meeting 17 Jan 2013 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, Co-chair; Nancy Kmen, Vern Utter

Minutes: Minutes from the December 13 meeting were approved and will be sent to the town clerk.

Contact Reports:

Town Board Dec 13- Vacancies on EC were announced and will be publicized, along with other Town positions. Two junkyard permits were reapproved. A handicapped bathroom will be added at Brookhaven.

ZBA (Nancy) Jan 2- Three applications were handled: (1) Squashville Rd (Washoe) subdivision was denied, (2) Greene Rd. (Barber) was tabled, and (3) Maple Ave (Doty) was denied.

PB Dec 11- Several applications were discussed: (1) Plank Rd (Crotty) may require some clear-cutting for a solar collector, (2) Humes Rd (Cornell) -minor subdivision, (3) Middle Grove Rd (Stewarts)-question about drainage under an addition, (4) Goose Hollow Rd (Makkay)- discussed definition of the 100 acres set aside as wilderness which may be identified wetlands, and (5) Daniels Rd. (Sodhoff)-DEC gave its tentative approval of veterinary hospital near wetlands.

Zoning Administration No report

Saratoga County Water Quality Committee No report

Correspondence Ken received a call from Town Supervisor Dick Rowland about the open positions on EC. A conversation will follow in the near future.

Town Parks No report

Adopt-a-Roadside (Theresa) New signs have been ordered to replace damaged ones for Daniels' Road residents, Stewarts, and Alpine Sport Shop. They should arrive within a month.

New business: A prospective new EC member visited the meeting and was invited to take part in our discussions. Ken reported on a simple way of converting waste wood (slash) into marketable charcoal for fuel using a new fireproof blanket (NSF, 2012). Slash in the US could potentially provide energy equal to the oil in the Alaska pipeline. This would reduce the CO₂ released into the atmosphere, since the waste wood naturally rots and releases CO₂ even if not burned. Charcoal could become a cottage industry in areas like Greenfield where timber is harvested.

Next Meeting 21 February 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM