

**Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission**

**Minutes approved 18 April**

**Meeting 21 Mar 2013** at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 PM.

**Attending:** Ken Blom, Chair; Michael Getz, Nancy Kmen, Dan McIntyre

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Jan 17 meeting were approved and will be sent to the town clerk.

**Contact Reports:**

**Town Board** Feb 14 (1) EC members were reappointed and two new members were appointed: Michael Getz and Daniel McIntyre. (2) An Eagle Scout Project proposal to build a gazebo for the Greenfield Center Park was accepted. It would be close to the parking area. (3) The annual spring clean-up will be advertised for Apr 20-Apr 28. Electronics and up to 4 tires per household will be accepted.

**ZBA** No report

**PB** Mar 12 (1) Waived the public hearing and approved the request (Richards, on Bockes Rd) for a minor subdivision, splitting a 15.5A parcel into two halves on opposite sides of the road. (2) Discussed the temporary easement being requested (Stewarts, Middle Grove Rd.) to install a drainage pipe.

**Zoning Administration** No report

**Saratoga County Water Quality Committee** No report

**Correspondence** Ken talked with Deputy Town Supervisor, Dan Pemrick about recruiting two additional members for EC. They also discussed the need to appoint a co-chair because Ken's travel schedule prevents him from attending several meetings each year.

**Town Parks** No report

**Adopt-a-Roadside** No report

**New business:** (1) Dan discussed the possibility of finding a researcher to sponsor a pilot project on immunizing white tailed deer against ticks. (2) Ken reported on a university study of hydro-fracking finding that it has potential to reduce carbon emissions by replacing coal-fired power stations with gas. But, in the long term, it could lock us into fossil fuels rather than adopting renewable energy sources like wind and water.

**Next Meeting** 18 April 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

**Note:** The attached page (17 Feb) was shared with members by e-mail because several members were unavailable to meet in February.

Items selected from 22 pages of Contact Reports received

Town Board Feb 14: Discussion of various committee vacancies

ZBA Feb 5: Greene Rd (Barber) TB granted an area variance, on appeal, concluding that there is no environmental impact.

PB Jan 8: (1) Plank Rd (Crotty) PB concluded no environmental impact and approved the application for a single family home with adjacent solar panels. (2) Humes Rd. (Cornell) PB discussed road construction and storm water drainage for a major subdivision. Humes is a town road so the Town will rebuild it to standards. New construction at the upper end, including water infiltration basins would be built by the applicant. (3) Middle Grove Rd. (Stewarts) Site Plan Review discussed leaving as much standing woods as possible behind the shop and seeking a temporary drainage easement for the duration of construction. (4) Goose Hollow Rd (Makkay) Discussion to clarify the 100ft. no-cut zone surrounding the major subdivision. Possibility of cutting large unsafe trees at the edge of the no-cut zone was discussed. DOH will regulate the distance between wells and septic fields. Storm water must be managed so no more runs off the property than does before development. (5) Allen Rd. (Bevan) PB approved the application for a minor subdivision with no negative environmental impacts. (6) Daniels Rd. (Sondhof) Site Plan Review addressed construction of a horse hospital. The wetland maps are only general guidelines and DEC and Army COE will both need to do site visits to mark the true boundaries of wetlands and limits to septic fields on the property before application for an subdivision can be addressed. (7) Grange Rd. (Spiak) The Special Use Permit granted in 2007 is now being extended to include a winery. Discussion included potential water supply, septic disposal, and waste disposal.

Feb 8: (1) Lester Park Rd (Benton) Application for a minor subdivision. (2) Daketown Rd. (Guarnieri) Application for a major subdivision (approved in 2007). Duration of a permit and the purpose of a road bond were discussed.

**Reminder:** Feb 21, 2013 meeting cancelled  
Next meeting March 21, 2013