Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission Minutes Approved 19 Nov. **Meeting 22 October 2015** at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Attending</u>: Linda Beauregard, Ken Blom, Chair; Kathy Bozony, Theresa Ellsworth, Rosemary Jensen, Dan McIntyre, Vince Walsh

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

Contact Reports:

Town Board (no report)

ZBA Oct 6:

- (1) Wing Rd (Pethick) application for area variance accepted, public hearing Nov 3.
- (2) Rte 9N (UMH) Area Variance application. Several issues addressed: (a) Number of lots, (b) Expired permit, (d) Neighbors' concerns, (e) Wetland buffer and screening, (f) Sewer system, (g) Road design addressing stream crossing, fire dept. specs. A Special
- Use Permit was approved with contingencies. EC will draft a memo to PB in the coming weeks addressing the risks to groundwater if 38 to 64 more families are moved into the concentrated property owned by UMH.

<u>Planning Board Sept 29</u>:

- (1) Daniels Rd (Sondhof) extension of permit was granted.
- (2) Middle Grove Rd (Ballestero)

New information has been requested and the Public Hearing will be extended. The junk yard permit issue will be addressed by TB.

(3) Old Stone Ridge: One hundred eighty days have passed with no bond or contract created to remedy the clear-cut area. Therefore new building permits will not be issued in the development. Oct 13: No meeting

Correspondence (none)

Town Parks (Theresa)

- (1) EC members adjusted tree signs and pruned branches at the Porter Corners Nature Trail on Oct 3.
- (2) Theresa will order tree signs to match the \$150 minimum order.
- (3) EC's Sept 25 recommendation on Brookhaven Trails was sent to Town Board. Ken had a follow-up conversation with the Town Supervisor on Oct 13.

Adopt-a-Roadside (Theresa)

The Prestwick Chase sign has arrived and been installed.

New business:

- (1) Long-term planning on topics for community projects:
 - (a) The <u>Environmental Action Survey</u> (Dec 2014) now has 56 returns. Quotes and rankings from citizens show activities the residents might support. EC is scheduled to give a brief presentation at TB meeting on 12 Nov.

- (b) Roadside mowing project: the Peoria Co, II. Proposal has been rewritten to form a draft using local specifications. Members will now review and revise it.
- (2) Town Supervisor Paul Lunde has requested EC participation on the Town Parks planning committee that is just forming. It will address long-term plans for Brookhaven and other public lands. Kathy Bozony and Vince Walsh have volunteered and their names will be given to the town clerk.
- (3) EC will draft a memo to PB in the coming weeks addressing the risks to groundwater if 38 to 64 more families are moved into the concentrated property owned by UMH.
- (4) Kathy is consulting with Maria Trabka about getting maps printed for EC reference.
- (5) Kathy has brought information from the conference on road salt, attended by highway officials around the Adirondacks.
- (6) Linda suggested displaying a sign out front of Town Hall when we are meeting so the public can be aware and attend.
- (5) <u>Photos were circulated:</u> Park clean-up in May (Dan), Recycling property (Vince), Vern's breakfast, (Nancy).

Next Meeting: 19 Nov 2015 Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM