

Town of Greenfield Environmental Commission Minutes approved 15 Feb
Meeting 18 January 2017 at Greenfield Town Hall was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Attending: Ken Blom, chair; Casey Holtzworth, Dan McIntyre

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

Discussion: The EC members have all been re-appointed for 2018 by TB. We've asked the Town Clerk to post the vacant position and we will consider offering an alternate (emeritus) status for EC members who, as a rule, have been unable to attend meetings. This will depend on the availability of new candidates. Casey has agreed to conduct the meetings in March and May in the chairperson's expected absence.

Contact Reports:

Town Board: Dec 14

(1) Unsafe buildings (Board of Health)

a. 7 Lake Desolation Rd: Structure demolished and debris removed by Highway Dept. Expenses will be sent along with the next tax bill.

b. 6 Main Street: Owners have received a permit to demolish and remove the structure.

c. 188 Bockes Rd: Notification has been sent to owners. Tabled until the January meeting.

(2) Town has received a 30-day liquor license notice from Saratoga Polo.

(3) Town has received a letter from DEC stating that they are considering purchase of a parcel on Greene Rd.

(4) Junkyard license renewals:

a. Middle Grove Rd (Ballestero) has removed 85 cars, bringing the total to 295 removed to-date, one year remains to remove the rest. The resolution is passed with conditions: No new cars brought to the property, License must be renewed every 6 months, Minimum of 225 cars removed each year, Hours of operation between 7 and 7 Mon to Sat, Junkyard not open to public, Fee of \$100 per year, License is authorized for the purpose of removing junk cars only, and copies of all DEC inspections are to be provided to the Town.

b. Cornell's Auto Parts is in compliance, license renewed.

c. Rte 9N (M & J Construction) Town Attorney reports that the applicant name does not match the land owner's name. Resolution grants a 6-month extension, provided the ownership is clarified.

(5) Plank Rd (Evans) Discussion of Open Development Application and recommendations from PB. The application contains the internal inconsistency of two different descriptions of the property's location along the abandoned section of Plank Rd. An apparent clerical error in 2005 describes either that the property is on a public highway or that it is 3200 ft from a public highway. PB's recommendation is that the owner should have an engineer certify that the abandoned bridge is strong enough for 50,000 lb. vehicle 30 ft long and that driveways longer than 500 ft. have turnouts marked for emergency vehicles to pass. Tabled until the next meeting.

(6) Discussion of UV system at Brookhaven, which must be replaced before next season, at a cost of about \$4000. The Golf Course had increased business and made more profit than other

courses in the area.

(7) TB agrees to fund three emergency squads for 2018: Wilton Emergency Squad - \$60,682, Town of Corinth - \$50,000, Community Emergency Corps - \$50,000.

(8) Town will support the County Magistrate's and County Clerk's request to allow the Sheriff to hold defendants for Greenfield Court in the County Jail for purposes of an immediate arraignment.

Dec 27

The bookkeeper states the the Ambulance account is running short of funds due to a timing issue and the Community Center needs repairs to heating and cooling units, which will require funding advance.

Jan 4

All Town officers are appointed for the year, including eight EC Members. Jan 11 (from agenda)

- (1) Plank Rd (Evans) Application for Open Development
- (2) Board of Health discussion of 188 Bockes Rd. unsafe building
- (3) Speed reduction on Middle Grove Rd.

ZBA: Jan 2

Meeting canceled due to holiday

Planning Board 9 Jan (from agenda)

- (1) Ure Way (Lally) Open Development Application
- (2) Saratoga Blvd. (Prestwick Chase) PUD Amendment SEQRA (3) 461 Rte. 9N (Stewarts Shops) Site Plan Review

Correspondence:

Town Parks: (Theresa) The student interns have not been able to survey the Nature Trail signs this fall so the survey will become part of the spring clean-up.

Adopt-a-Roadside: (Theresa) The Greenfield Baptist Church has completed two roadside clean-ups in 2017.

New business:

(1) Environmental Commission organization, as reported above.

(2) a. Discussion of the Survey (2015, 2016)

b. We'll continue looking for ways to involve more people on issues like minimizing road salt, community composting, controlling invasive species, and minimizing open development.

c. An inquiry has been made to Louise about the Town Website Newsletter: How many contacts does it bring?, Could EC provide another category of information besides "EC Minutes?", and What clearance is required in order for information to be posted on the Newsletter?

d. (Casey) iMapInvasives workshop to train residents to identify invasive species (Print-outs) A partner event with another organization like SaratogaPLAN or DEC Foresters might help us to build an email list of interested residents.

(3) Continued discussion of EC proposal for a hydrogeologic study of the town's water resources. Saratoga PLAN has the aquifer data in its maps and a consultant could help the Town coordinate our Comprehensive Plan with our water resources. *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.* Recent ideas: Casey's description of Moreau L. study, possible CDTC assistance, and hydrologic study by USGS in 1988 analyzed the ground-water resources in Saratoga County.

Next Meeting: 15 February 2018

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Anticipated meeting dates: (15 March 2018)
(19 April 2018)
(17 May 2018)
(21 Jun 2018)