

Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
March 7, 2016
7:30 p.m.
Main Meeting Room

LEGAL

In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of the State of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this meeting of the West Milford Environmental Commission of Passaic County, New Jersey was sent to the Herald News. A copy has been filed with the Township Clerk's office and posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on the Township's website. The Main Meeting Room is ADA accessible; special needs may be accommodated by contacting the Planning Department at (973) 728-2798. Please take note of the Fire Exits located in this room in the event of an emergency.

ROLL CALL

Regular Members: Andrew Abdul, Tim Dalton, Gary Oppenheimer, Douglas Ott, Thomas Tamayne, Don Weise, Chairman Stephen Sangle.

Alternate Members: Alt #1 Jennifer Easterbrook, Alt #2 Jim Rogers.

PRESENTATIONS

NJDEP NNL \$620,197.00 Reforestation Grant Project: Update by Ron Farr.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Joseph Chapman

Bulk Variance #ZB-09-15-09

Block 7701; Lot 15

975 Union Valley Rd.; R-1

Seeking: Bulk Variance approval for Maximum Building Coverage to construct a 1600 sq. ft. pole barn at 975 Union Valley Road, Block 7701; Lot 15, in the R-1 Zone, where 800 sq. ft. is permitted and 1600 sq. ft. is proposed.

Marcin Owczarski

Bulk Variance #ZB-01-16-01

Block 6201; Lot 22

19 McKinley Place; R-1

Seeking: Bulk Variance approval for Side Yard Setback and Distance to House to construct a 22' x 13' Carport Structure at 19 McKinley Place, Block 6201; Lot 22, where 15 ft. is required for a side yard setback and 1 ft. 8 in. is proposed; and where 20 ft. distance to house is required and 7 ft. is proposed, in the R-1 Zone.

GRANT MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REVIEW – See above under Presentations.

ON GOING BUSINESS

Lakes Committee: Report.

Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission: Report.

Open Space Committee: Update.

Environmental Contamination Issues: Report.

Green Team–Sustainable Subcommittee: Report.

Beaver Dam at Environmental Boardwalk: Update.

Belchers Creek Testing Project: Update - Andy Abdul.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

Apshawa Preserve - Fencing .

Volunteer of the Year Program on April 20, 2016 – Volunteer requested to speak.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the West Milford Environmental Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence

1. Notification from the Highlands Council, dated January 26, 2016, advising that the Module 2 Update was received from the Township of West Milford, and the Module 2, 3 and 7 Update scope of work has been completed, with a not to exceed amount of \$10,000. available for reimbursement under the Program and Plan Conformance Grant #09-033-011-1615 following review and approval of the invoices. The Module 2 Geodatabase and Developable Lands Summary Report will be posted on the Highlands Council website.
2. Copy of a Highlands Applicability Determination application, dated February 2, 2016, received from Langan Engineering and Environmental Services regarding the Union Valley Road/Marshall Hill Road Utility Improvements for Orange & Rockland Electric.
3. Highlands Exemption #4, Water Quality Management Plan – Consistent, received from the NJDEP, dated Feb 25, 2016 regarding Block 2802; Lot 3, 333 Warwick Tpk., with reference to NY SMSA LP dba Verizon Wireless for proposed antenna and equipment installation.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. Community Right to Know Survey for 2015, dated 01-19-16, received from United Water/Suez regarding the Bald Eagle Commons Sewer Treatment Plant on Richmond Road, West Milford, NJ.
2. Notification to the Township of West Milford from the NJDEP – Green Acres Program, dated February 3, 2016, advising that the grant proposal under the Recreational Trails Program for Invasive Species Removal on West Milford Hiking Trails was not selected for the 2015 round funding.
3. Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Freshwater Wetlands G.P. #1 received for the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association at 435 Lakeshore Drive, Hewitt, NJ regarding the replacement of an existing 586 linier foot railroad tie bulkhead with a concrete retaining wall along Upper Greenwood Lake within Block 2007, Lots 9.01 and 9.02.
4. NJDEP notice regarding Earth Day and Environmental Education Week, April 17 – 23, 2016.
5. Notification from McKittrick Engineering, dated February 29, 201, regarding an application being filed with the NJDEP for a GP #25 for the installation of a new septic system in a wetlands transition area at 70 Wayside Road, block 806; Lot 18.
6. Notification from PSE&G, dated February 22, 2016, advising that an application was being made for a Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit #1 in support of the repair, replacement and maintenance of natural gas distribution and transmission mains in public rights of way.
7. Notification from McKittrick Engineering, dated February 29, 201, regarding an application being filed with the NJDEP for a GP #25 for the installation of a new septic system in a wetlands transition area at 33 Elm Street, Block 3502; Lot 1.

Miscellaneous Correspondence Received/Sent

1. Borough of Bloomingdale, Ordinance #5-2016, Amending Chapter 92, "Zoning," Article XII, "Schedule of Regulations," Section 92-55, "B-1 General Business Zone," of the Code of the Borough of Bloomingdale.
2. Notification of the Township of West Milford Volunteer Night, April 20, 2016 – Request for nominations for Volunteer of the Year.
3. Copy of correspondence from the City of Paterson, Department of Law, dated February 29, 2016 regarding the Great Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project #2814, and the Notice of Intent to File New License Application and Time Extension to File Pre-Application Documents. This project is located on the Passaic River on about 152 acres and includes three generating units. The application also seeks an extension for a pre-application document (PAD), authorize the City of Paterson to utilize the traditional process for re-licensing, and designate the City of Paterson as the Commission's non-federal representatives for the purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
4. Notification from Rutgers-NJ Agricultural Experiment Station regarding the following programs: Glacial Deposits of New Jersey, March 22, 2016 – Oxford, \$250.; Groundwater in Fractured Bedrock (Brunswick Aquifer) March 29, 2016 – New Brunswick, \$250.
5. NJ Forestry Association Annual Meeting, March 19, 2016, 8:30 – 4:30, Cook Campus, Rutgers, New Brunswick, \$60. - \$75.
6. Notice from the NY/NJ Trail Conference regarding the updated Jersey Highlands Trails Map Set: Central North Region - \$9.95 – www.nynjtc.org.
7. Sustainable Jersey notification of Re-Vamped Municipal Energy Action Webinar on March 16, 2016 1 – 2 pm.
8. Notification from ANJEC regarding Open Space Stewardship Grants in the amount of \$1500. - deadline of April 1, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

ADJOURNMENT -