

**Township of West Milford**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA**  
**April 5, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Virtual Meeting - Via Zoom**

Due to the physical distancing requirements as a result of Covid-19, and in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, this regular meeting of the West Milford Environmental Commission will be conducted by electronic means via Zoom. You may contact the Commission's Secretary by phone at 973-728-2798 or at [planningboard@westmilford.org](mailto:planningboard@westmilford.org) during regular office hours. **TO ACCESS THE MEETING VIA ZOOM, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK, ID, PASSWORD OR DIAL-IN INFORMATION:**

**Topic:** WM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Time:** April 5, 2021; 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**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. [Please take note of the Fire Exits located in this room in the event of an emergency.]

**ROLL CALL**

**Regular Members:** Janet Little, David Ofshinsky, James Rogers, Thomas Tamayne,  
Douglas Trainor, Don Weise, Chairman Stephen Sangle.

**Alternate Members:** Alt #1 Alt #2

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

**ADAM SCHECHTER**

**Bulk Variance ZB-12-20-12**

Block 7503; Lot 11

16 Anchor Ave.; LR Zone

**Seeking:** Bulk Variance approval for a 2.5 story, 1,722 s.f. addition to an existing dwelling, with side yard setbacks requested where 30' is required, 15'2" exists, and 20'8" and 23'7" is proposed.

**GRAZYNA KLAPACZ**

**Bulk Variance ZB-01-21-01**

Block 10102; Lot 10

18 Gould Road; R-4 Zone

**Seeking:** Bulk variance approval to construct a 40 ft X 70 ft accessory structure for storage of an RV camper, boat and car

**DONNA WEINBRECHT**  
**Bulk Variance ZB-03-21-16**

Block 13102; Lot 18  
388 High Crest Dr.; LR Zone

**Seeking:** Bulk variance approval for a covered entrance, with variance requested for a front yard setback where 40 ft is required, 28 ft exists, and 18 ft is proposed.

**ON GOING BUSINESS**

**Belchers Creek Testing:** Update.

**Shade Tree Committee:** Update.

**Community Forestry Mgt. Plan: AAR - Annual Accomplishment Report.**

**Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission:** Update.

**Lakes Committee:** Report.

**Open Space Committee:** Review/Discuss Draft Open Space & Recreation Plan.

**Environmental Contamination Issues:** Update.

**Green Team–Sustainability Committee:** Update.

**Environmental Boardwalk:** Update.

**NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Sludge into Storm Drain near WM Lake – Report.**

**Effects of Climate Change in West Milford Updated Draft:** Review/Discussion.

**Freshwater Wetlands Application for Telecommunications Facility – Block 3101; Lot 8, 325 Lakeside Rd.**

**Assembly Bill A-4843 – Forest Stewardship Plans:** Update.

**Volunteer Night Presentations – April 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

**Autumn Lights Festival – Volunteers needed for EC table.**

**MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes from the March 1, 2021 Environmental Commission meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

**Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence**

1. Notification from SUEZ Water New Jersey, dated March 12, 2021, advising that a HAD will be submitted to the NJDEP requested a determination for Exemption #11 which establishes whether the project or activity proposed (construction of new underground infiltration systems within certain property limits for each site) are exempt. The sites proposed for this project include B 9901, L 8; B 97121, L 21; B 5503, L 1; B 6201, L 29; B 4501, L 1; B 4302, L 13; B 3503, L 18.02.
2. Application for a Highlands Resource Area Determination received from ACER Associates and AT&T Wireless, dated March 3, 2021, regarding 325 Lakeside Rd., Block 3101; Lot 8, for the construction of a 155 ft monopole cell tower and a 20 x 50 ft compound with associated equipment.

3. Highlands Applicability Determination Application notice, dated 03-02-21 received from the Township of West Milford regarding a request for an exemption determination for work at Bubbling Springs, 1468 Macopin Road, Block 9001; Lot 13.

4. Highlands Applicability Determination Application notice received 04-01-21 from the Township of West Milford regarding a request for an exemption determination for work on Nosenzo Pond Road, Block 9302; Lot 16.

### **NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence**

1. Correspondence from the NJ DOT, dated March 26, 2021 advising of an application submission to the NJDEP for a FHA GP#3 and FW GP#20 for the installation of 5 CY of riprap around the exposed bridge footing to resist further scour on the Route 23 Bridge over the Pequannock River, in addition to 40 CY of riprap placed along the upper slope and in the waterway along the abutment.

2. NJDEP Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area correspondence received on March 23, 2021 requesting CEA lift/removal, regarding the Verkerke Site, Block 16901; Lot 2, 3520 Route 23, noting that two consecutive rounds of groundwater samples obtained from the four monitoring wells on-site indicate no exceedances above NJDEP GWQS for any target compounds.

3. NJDEP Remedial Action Protectiveness Biennial Certification Form for Groundwater, received March 19, 2021, regarding Lakeside Amoco, Block 3509; Lot 16, 2 Lakeside Drive, PPI # 012599.

4. NJDEP application notice, dated March 17, 2021, received from Genesis Engineering for the Stowaway Park Association regarding the superstructure of Stowaway Road over Belchers Creek, advising that a permit for a FW GP #1 (maintenance of existing features) and a FHA Permit By Rule #42 (reconstruction of all or part of a lawfully existing bridge superstructure) was being submitted for the replacement of the bridge and approach roadways.

5. Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge notification, received from the NJDEP, dated March 12, 2021, regarding a report of high nitrate in the potable water at the Highland Avenue Well, owner Wonder Lake Properties, with caller reporting nitrate levels of 11.40, possibly due to high groundwater.

6. NJDEP correspondence dated January 26, 2021 regarding Dam Safety Inspection Reports submitted for Upper Crest Lake Dam File No. 22-333 and Lower Crest Lake Dam File No. 22-334, advising that the structures were found to be in Poor condition, with permit applications for the rehabilitation of the dams to be submitted by March 31, 2021.

### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

1. ANJEC News, Webinars.

2. HEPSCD approval of a certified soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated January 8, 2021, for Paradise Road Holdings Pole Bard, 28 Paradise Rd., Block 15803; Lots 21 & 22.

3. HEPSCD approval of a certified soil erosion and sediment control plan, dated January 25, 2021, for Dunsdon Enterprises Condo Building & Parking, 165 Lakeside Road, Block 3401 and 3406; Lots 21 & 23.

4. NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Application notification received from ACER Associates and AT&T Wireless, dated February 25, 2021, regarding 325 Lakeside Rd., Block 3101; Lot 8, for the construction of a 155 ft monopole cell tower and a 20 x 50 ft compound with associated equipment.

5. Public Notification received March 19, 2021 from Mott MacDonald, regarding applications for a Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2, Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit for the replacement of chemical feed lines between the City of Newark Pequannock Water Treatment Plant at Block 14102; Lot 1 and the Pretreatment Facility at Block 14101; Lot 1. A hardship exception is being sought for the lines that were installed within 10 feet of the top of the bank per 7:13-12.8(b)3.

6. NJ Urban and Community Forestry News

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**