

Township of West Milford
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
October 3, 2022
7:00 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. Please take note of the Fire Exits located in this room in the event of an emergency.

ROLL CALL

Regular Members: James Lyons, James Rogers, Thomas Tamayne, Douglas Trainor, Don Weise, Chairman Stephen Sangle.

Alternate Members: Alt #1 ; Alt #2

PRESENTATIONS

Greenway Proposal - Review and approve draft proposal for referral to Administration.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

ON GOING BUSINESS

Belchers Creek Testing: Update.

Community Forestry Mgt. Plan: Update.

Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission: Report.

Lakes Committee: Report.

Open Space Committee: Update.

Environmental Contamination Issues: Report.

WM Environmental Boardwalk: Update on phragmites treatment.

NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS

Tree Removal Ordinances – Review Draft revised Township Tree Removal ordinance.

Autumn Lights Festival – October 8, 2022 (Rain Date October 9, 2022)

Open Space Funds for Environmental Boardwalk Repair

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from recent Environmental Commission meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Correspondence

1. Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) Exemption #4, Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) -Not Addressed, dated Sept 7, 2022, received from the NJDEP regarding Block 6606; Lot 1, 121 Lincoln Ave., for Verizon West Milford Central Office Septic Design.

2. Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) Clarification, dated Sept 27, 2022, received from the NJDEP regarding Block 6002; Lot 29, 280 Marshall Hill Road, for B & B Organic Waste Recycling, LLC, superseding and revising Exemption #4 issued Nov.8, 2021 (1615-21-0011.1 APD210001) with Site Plan and Reforestation Plan for B & B Organic Waste prepared by David Newkirk of EIC Group, dated June 23, 2022. Additionally, the proposed impervious surface is increasing by 3,200 S.F. (3.3%) for a total of 99,500 S.F. impervious surface on site. Permittee shall plant native shrubs and trees as part of the reforestation plan, concurrent with construction or the first available planting season following construction, with the area eventually to revert to a natural habitat. An 85% survival rate following 3 growing seasons is required, or replanting with native tree species if survival rate is not met. Disturbance occurring offsite resulting in clearing of vegetation is not authorized nor exempted by this determination.

3. Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) Exemption #4, Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) -Not Addressed, dated Sept 28, 2022, received from the NJDEP regarding Block 6902; Lot 7, 11 White Road, for Moove In Self Storage, with respect to a proposal for 93,758 S.F. impervious surface, reducing the current impervious surface by 5% from the existing 98,531 S.F.

4. Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) Exemption #11, Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) -Not Addressed, dated Sept 28, 2022, received from the NJDEP regarding Block 9401; Lot 2, Relda Avenue, for Veolia New Jersey (Suez) with respect to an addition to an existing water treatment facility to maintain safe drinking water standards.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence

1. Suspected Hazardous Discharge notice, dated Sept. 17, 2022 received from the NJDEP regarding Block 7801; Lot 65, (BEV) Beacon Hill Road, for lead exceedance in drinking water in 4 units over the action level (action level = 15 parts per billion) from a total of 443 services. Results were greater than 20 parts per billion.

2. Correspondence from the NJDEP – Bureau of Dam Safety, dated Sept. 6, 2022, to Camp Wyanokie Commission, regarding the Boy Scout Lake Dam, NJ Dam File No. 22-182, concurring with the plan that was submitted by Christopher Adams, P.E. of GZA for monitoring both seepage and slab settlement, and advising that the plan should be implemented and adequate records maintained for submission. A schedule for submission of the dam safety permit application to bring the dam into compliance must be submitted by Oct. 31, 2022.

3. Notification dated Aug. 29, 2022 from MAP Engineering, that a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit application has been submitted to the NJDEP for the replacement of a failed septic system for an existing 2 bedroom dwelling at Block 6603; Lot 4, 33 John St.

Miscellaneous

1. ANJEC 49th Environmental Congress – Oct 11 – 13, 2022 (Virtual Sessions).
2. ANJEC News – Sept 21, 2022
3. ANJEC – Climate Change Virtual Mini Series – 09-15-22, 10-03-22, 10-11-22.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT