



**COLTS NECK  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

**Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2010**

**Members**

Present – David Kostka, Liaison Mike Fitzgerald, Vincent Domidion, Mary Massey and John Vig

Absent – Sashe Annete, Thomas Hennessey

**Associates**

Present –

Absent –Pat Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mr. Kostka who read the following statement. “In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, public notice of this meeting has been provided by publication of an annual notice in the Asbury Park Press and posting of this notice on the bulletin board at Town Hall.”

The minutes of the November 9, 2009 meetings were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Mrs. Massey.

**PLANNING BOARD**

Application by Birdsall, PB663A, Block 46, Lot 16, proposes use of second floor for medical offices in existing building. When the plans for the building were first submitted, they called for medical offices on both floors, but due to the inability of applicant to meet the requirement for parking spaces, applicant agreed to use only the first floor for medical offices. Property currently has 20 parking spaces, and 23 would be required if the new usage is approved. There is not adequate room on the site for eight additional spaces. Applicant submits that patients would be referred from first floor offices to second floor offices for additional health services, and thus reduce the number of automobile trips. It was noted that in most offices, additional appointments are made for additional medical services, thereby increasing trips. Although there were no environmental issues, a motion by Mr. Domidion, seconded by Mrs. Massey, to write a letter indicating the Commission’s concern about granting a variance when the property had been deeded restricted to prevent medical offices on the second floor, was carried unanimously.

Application by Verizon, ZB835, Block 43, Lot 1, for a 130 foot monopole and adjacent 10’ x 30’ shed, presents an Environmental Impact Report that claims no wetlands or endangered species are found on the site, behind the Colts Neck High School, on Five Point Road.

**LIAISON REPORT**

Mr. Fitzgerald introduced himself as new Township Liaison to the Commission. He is an attorney, and has served on the New Jersey Wetlands Mitigation Council, and he has continued concerns for environmental issues. He is liaison also to Recreation Committee and horse trails. He requested elucidation of the mission of the Environmental Commission, and suggested that the current development slowdown creates an opportunity to develop long-term plans.

Mr. Kostka suggested that specific goals be set for this year. Mr. Vig recommended a review of the Natural Resources Inventory done in 1972. Mr. Domidion suggested public education and management of public lands, especially in regard to invasion of alien species.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Domidion displayed a series of GIS maps that were created by Monmouth County. The mapping can be done on different bases, such as full aerial or faded aerial. They can be generated for a wide variety of purposes, such as demonstrating existing open space, or for a radius list for the tax assessor. Mr. Vig commented that as these maps are created, they should be made available electronically, on the Township web site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Vig reported that on Christmas Eve he flipped a switch at the IEEE offices in Piscataway that started solar collectors on part of the roof. This will lower their electric rates, but cost nothing, as it was paid for through rebates and incentives. Mr. Kostka will look into the situation and write a letter to the Township, the Board of Education, and the Township fire companies, if the program can be utilized in Colts Neck, suggesting that they consider installing solar electric. Mr. Vig will get information regarding grants.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Notice of application to N.J.D.E.P. by JCP&L for permit for vegetation maintenance under power lines

Mr. Domidion suggested that, because the last time crews removed vegetation they left bare, eroding soil, JCP&L should be asked to allow Township officials to accompany them this time;

Mr. Kostka will write a letter

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Environmental Observer  
Green Heritage

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

**Next Meeting 7:30 pm –February 1, 2010**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

