



**COLTS NECK  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

## **Meeting Minutes February 6, 2006**

### **Members**

Present – Mary Massey, Liaison Thomas Hennessy, David Kostka, John Vig

Absent - Carol Goubeaud, David Paddock

### **Associates**

Present – Gisela Anderl, Vincent Domidion

Absent – Pat Anderson, Marie Goubeaud

### **Guest**

Paul Franklin

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mary Massey 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 January 9, 2006 meeting minutes were distributed for review. There being no corrections requested, the minutes were adopted as written.

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

Vincent Domidion invited Paul Franklin a fellow community member to address our meeting regarding his concerns about the Conover Road School Playground. Mr. Franklin reported the playground was constructed in the 80’s using womanized lumber. The EPA required this specially treated lumber to have warning labels in 2002 and the use of this lumber was later banned in 2003. Mr. Franklin reported that Stafford Township and Ewing Township removed their playgrounds in May of 2005.



He questioned why Colts Neck has not removed the playground. Additionally, he is concerned that the school board has tested the soil and is not releasing the results. He is concerned for the safety of his children, as this lumber is known to release toxic metals into the soil.

Mr. Franklin sent a letter with his concerns to the School Board previously and more recently to the Colts Neck Calendar. Liaison Thomas Hennessey reported that the playground has been closed since January 6, 2006. He also reported the playground was constructed by the Friends of the Conover Road Play Ground Group. This group has been disbanded but he understood that re-establishment was being undertaken.

The Environmental Commission recognized that certain materials could be hazardous and recommended that Mr. Franklin contact the School Board to obtain information about the soil testing. The School Board has the authority to oversee the remediation. Mr. Franklin was advised to keep the Commission apprised of the situation.

### **LIAISON REPORT**

Liaison Thomas Hennessey reported the state mandated water quality ordinance should be on file.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

The following planning board applications were discussed:

PB633 Clemente: Applicant is seeking to convey a property swap as a remedy for violations. Applicant has 30.8% lot coverage when 20% is maximum and 9.1% principal building when 6% is maximum. The Environmental Commission is strongly opposed to swapping property as a remedy for violations. This was scheduled for the planning board last month but was postponed for one month so members could inspect the site. David Kostka stated that the Planning Board sought the environmental concerns of the Commission.

Vincent Domidion gave a presentation on the property and how it has changed over the past several years using aerial photos and site maps. He noted several Environmental concerns, specifically the loss of the woodline surrounding the property, which served to protect the slope. In addition drainage pipes were discharging from the 10-foot wall, which could be polluting the greenways. He also noted large amounts of soil dumped in the greenway and conservation easements and that the property was very wet in comparison to neighboring lots. He is concerned about what is underneath the soil.

It was agreed supplemental comments would be sent to the Planning Board.

PB636 Findel Bl6 L 61.01: This is a minor site plan for classification and approval. It is an informal request for review before the planning board. The applicant is requesting a list of variances: 30% lot coverage, various items constructed within

conservation, drainage, and utility easements. The Environmental Commission is opposed.

Belon B13 L 25: Applicant is requesting subdivision, proposing a shared driveway easement and requesting a variance for lot frontage. The Environmental Commission has no comment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE**

John Vig mentioned he is opposed to the renting out of Bucks Mill Park and having the Township named as additional insured on the renter's insurance policy.

Gisela Anderl mentioned there are 4 trees located near to her property that are in danger of falling onto the road. Thomas Hennessey will speak to Bob Bowden about this.

Vincent Domidion reported the WRA is in limbo; there are no appointments for 2006. He also mentioned that there is a project underway to establish a regional storm water plan for the entire Navesink and that the Township should be opposed to this.

Liaison Thomas Hennessey motioned to adjourn the meeting and 9:04 pm. David Kostka seconded the motion that unanimously passed.

**Next Meeting 7:30 pm – Monday March 6, 2006**

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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Secretary