



**COLTS NECK
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

**Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2004**

Members

Present – Mary Massey, Liaison Thomas Hennessey David Kostka, David Paddock,
John Vig, Anthony Wagar

Absent - Carol Goubeaud

Associates

Present - Gisela Anderl, Pat Anderson, Vincent Domidion

Absent - Marie Goubeaud

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 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.”

There being no objections the April 5, 2004 minutes were approved.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Hennessey shared a mailing he received from the Monmouth County Water Resource Association in December 1997 regarding a Goose Symposium being held in January 1998 and the environmental impact upon waters. A discussion ensued regarding the goose problems and the length of time this problem has been recognized.

Mr. Hennessey reported the Township Committee is reviewing the Barking Dog Ordinance to strengthen the existing law so that residents will have the full backing of the judicial system. There was a recent article in the Colts Neck Journal on a dog-barking problem.

Mr. Hennessey mentioned he would like to see the Commission begin working on something for next year’s Earth Day. Vincent Domidion suggested invasive plants as a topic. The group agreed this would be a good subject; some ideas were to contact the Monmouth County Agriculture Agency for recommended ground cover and to create a guide or walking tour. Mr. Domidion will see if he can obtain information.



PLANNING BOARD

The following Planning Board Application was discussed:

PB # 604A Baker B16 L53.16: Applicant requested variance in January 2004 for this sports court. Commission opposed it for environmental impact, precedent setting and encroachment on drainage easement reasons. The new application is requesting a variance on the minimum side yard allowance lot coverage from 20% to 24.6%. The commission is opposed due to impervious land coverage and precedent setting reasons.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Massey reported that at the Meet the Mayor reception several residents expressed a need for a tree ordinance and inquired as to whether the Town is considering passing such an act.

Vincent Domidion has reviewed the Transfer of Development Rights Law and a lengthy discussion ensued. It is a law but the regulations need to be written. He is proposing that the WRA track this issue.

NEW BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Thomas Hennessey reported they are working with the Police Department to have a new Colts Neck Identification Card. He hopes these will be useful when attending field trips in the community.

John Vig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Anthony Wagar seconded it.

Next Meeting 8 pm-Monday June 7, 2004

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Patricia A. Lloyd
Secretary