



**COLTS NECK
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Meeting Minutes July 2, 2007

Members

Present –David Kostka, Sashe Annete, Vincent Domidion, Liaison Thomas Hennessey, John Vig

Absent – David Paddock, Mary Massey

Associates

Present – Pat Anderson, Gisela Anderl

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by David 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 June 4, 2007 minutes were distributed for review. There being no corrections made the minutes were approved as submitted.

LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Thomas Hennessey reported he is very excited about the Purple Martin bird houses. He is being kept up to date by John Vig.

PLANNING BOARD

PB655 Shadow Isle Golf Club B46 Lot 1.52 – applicant is submitting revisions to plans that were previously submitted in May. There are no environmental concerns.

PB623B Stellar Performance B22.085 Lots 2.01, 1.02, 1.01 – applicant is amending a major subdivision to include 2 separate driveways and is going for technical review. There is not enough information for the commission to make comment.



OLD BUSINESS

David Kostka reported the proposed tree ordinance is in the hands of Long Range Planning. It is going to be a long process and various groups are going to be asked to take part in the process. Dave passed around a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the ordinance. The proposed ordinance has been published in the Journal and Calendar.

Sashe Annete noted she sent out emails with links to the Cool Cities Program being run by the Sierra Club and asked if people had a chance to check out the web site. A lengthy discussion on going green occurred. Many ideas were discussed and a monthly Energy Conservation Column was recommended. Members were asked to bring back more ideas such as articles and web sites to help promote energy awareness to our next meeting.

Vincent Domidion distributed notes on proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 7:15 the Water Quality Management Planning rules. The notes were discussed at length. Vincent Domidion made a motion that the Colts Neck Environmental Commission endorses the proposed rules that would shift the underlying basis for planning, zoning and infrastructure expansion to the carrying capacity of natural systems and take control of wastewater infrastructure planning away from sewerage authorities and place development of these new plans in the hands of the County Boards of chosen Freeholders and municipalities. John Vig seconded the motion that was unanimously passed. It was noted that the DEP was accepting comment on the proposed changes until July 20, 2007 and that David Kostka would send comments on behalf of the Environmental Commission.

NEW BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE

David Kostka noted he received information on the 2007 Clean Energy Conference and leadership awards. The conference is being held September 27 and 28, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick.

David Kostka passed around a booklet he received titled Protecting Nature in Your Community that came from the Museum of Natural History.

Vincent Domidion motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. John Vig seconded the motion that unanimously passed.

Next Meeting 7:30 pm – Monday, August 6, 2007.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Patricia A. Lloyd
Secretary