



**COLTS NECK  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

## **Meeting Minutes July 7, 2008**

### **Members**

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

Absent – Mary Massey, John Vig

### **Associates**

Present –

Absent – Gisela Anderl, 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 June 2, 2008 were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Mr. Hennessey, subject to changing “Monmouth County Environmental Commission” to “Monmouth County Planning Board.”

### **LIAISON REPORT**

See Old Business regarding draft Tree Removal Ordinance.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Richard Bonnano, PB 668, Block 9, Lot 2.09, Evergreen Lane, calls for no variances. No environmental concerns are noted.

Ali & Josephine Rada, PB #665, Block 29, Lot 9, Bluebell Road and Freemont Lane at Bucks Mill Road, propose the use of “Grasscrete” for the driveway, and if used for all driveway surfaces the impervious surface calculates at 9.48%. According to Mr. Kostka’s research, this semipermeable surface should work as claimed if properly installed on appropriate soils. Stormwater calculations must be performed by a hydrologic engineer. The other environmental concern is the proposal for 12 cu. ft. of fill, the use of which is not specified.

Kaye Furman, Block 33, Lot 7.01, Muhlenbrink Road, proposes a two-lot subdivision. No environmental concerns are noted.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Kosta reported that he, Mr. Domidion, and Bob Bowden visited the Freehold Township recycling center, where computers and other electronics, tires, furniture and used motor oil, in addition to paper and commingled containers, is accepted from local residents for recycling. Three employees, one at the gate, staff the center on the three days a week, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., when it is open to residents. On Saturdays, 500 to 600 vehicles arrive with recycling materials at this large, paved area. The center makes no profit. The Township will send Mr. Bowden an expense figure. According to Larry Zaayenga of the Monmouth County Office of Recycling, prices are good for recycled newspaper and corrugated cardboard, and there is a market for used motor oil, but none for commingled containers. Mr. Hennessy stressed that Colts Neck should consider recycling materials in addition to those that are currently mandated.

Mr. Kostka distributed copies of the draft Tree Removal Ordinance as amended. Mr. Domidion noted that the amendments did not contain his suggestion it would be more appropriate to set limits at “75% of the size of same species specimen tree of record on official lists maintained by the State of New Jersey” (so-called “champion trees) rather than 10” ABH for all species. Ms. Terry has lists of Monmouth County and New Jersey record-sized trees, and will email that data to Mr. Kostka.

Ms. Annete reported that she will meet in late August with the PTA to find ways to work together on projects involving students and parents.

Mr. Domidion reported that the New Jersey Energy Plan is not a useful document, and neglects any mention of distributed generation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

WIN Energy Symposium for municipal officials will be held at Rowan University on August 11  
ARC

*Government Matters*

*Community Guide to Environmental Health*

*Health & Empowerment Bookshelf*

Mr. Domidion motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Ms. Annete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting 7:30 pm – Monday, August 4, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

