



**COLTS NECK  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

## **Meeting Minutes July 6, 2009**

### **Members**

Present – David Kostka, Vincent Domidion, Liaison Jarrett Engel, Thomas Hennessey, Mary Massey

Absent – Sashe Annete and John Vig

### **Associates**

Present –

Absent – Gisela Anderl and 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 May 4, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Vig.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Spencer, PB#673A, Block 31, Lot 19, Route 34, submits a sketch plat that proposes subdivision of a tract of land within the existing commercial property on Route 34 north of Merchants Way. Impervious coverage totals 59.93%, most of it dedicated to parking, where 50% is permitted. The existing mature trees should be required to be retained in order to mitigate thermal impacts from coverage.

### **LIAISON REPORT**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

D.E.P. permit has been applied for in regard to dredging pond in front of Township Hall. Mr. Domidion reported that the County Mosquito Commission believes that the dredge spoils will be predominantly sand. This is easily dewatered, particularly if mixed with dry materials.

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Mr. Domidion reported on the County-sponsored Scenic Byways project, in which Colts Neck and 15 other municipalities are participating. Colts Neck's would be limited to County roads in order to avoid extra traffic on Township roads. Sights along these roadways include the Conover-Crine House, Montrose School, three preserved farms on Montrose Road, Colts Neck Village, Lairds Distillery, Dorbrook Park, Hockhocks Farm, and Due Process Golf Course. Nominees for Scenic Byways designation will be submitted to N.J.D.O.T. by January 2011. This designation improves Township eligibility for grants.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Domidion noted that a recent article about power in Popular Science failed to mention distributive generation. Current power grid is set up for "big power," and up to 50% of power is lost during distribution. The greatest gain in power could be achieved by being "power locavores."

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Application by Colts Neck Township for freshwater wetlands permit to drain pond in front of Township Hall

D.E.P. determination that C.A.F.R.A. review is not required for Laurelwood access to N.W.D. Earle

Application for wetlands determination by Joseph DeSage, Block 51, Lot 2.12, on County Route 537 at end of Deputy Minister Drive

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

**Next Meeting 7:30 pm – August 3, 2009**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

