



**COLTS NECK  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

## **Meeting Minutes September 2, 2008**

### **Members**

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

Absent – John Vig

### **Associates**

Present – Gisela Anderl, Pat Anderson

Absent –

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 meeting was held in the Library Meeting Room.

The minutes of the July 7, 2008 were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Mrs. Massey. The August, 2008 minutes are unofficial, as there was no quorum.

### **LIAISON REPORT**

The Shade Tree Ordinance will have its first reading before the Township Committee on September 10. The Colts Neck Fair was only moderately successful due to very dreary weather.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Verizon, Block 13, Lot 49, Crine Road, has submitted a site plan for a stand-by power generator as back-up to an existing wireless telecommunications facility. This application is in Technical Review Committee.

Iorio, Block 8, Lot 5, Route 34 across from Blackberry, has submitted a site plan for landscaping and lighting improvements around the parking lot. There is pre-existing set-back variance. The application is in Technical Review Committee, and the lighting could become a matter for environmental concern.

Mumford, Block 22, Lots 7 & 8, Montrose Road, proposes creation of two viable agricultural lots of 56 acres and 59 acres respectively, through reconfiguration of the property, which currently contains a large dwelling and a caretaker’s unit. The property is in farmland preservation. The proposal includes relocation of the easement. This application is in Technical Review Committee. Mr. Domidion offered the comments that farmland preservation favors larger farms, as they have the greatest potential for diverse management and economic viability; that separation into two farms could double everything that already exists, thereby reducing the amount of land for agricultural activity; and that potential dual ownership could double impacts such as traffic and impervious coverage. He inquired for a mechanism whereby the Commission might comment to the State Agricultural Development Committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The purple martins flew south in August, having bred this year 120 offspring in the two units at Bucks Mill Park and one at Township Hall. Mr. Vig has posted photographs of the babies on the Township web site. He requested the Committee purchase six more gourds for Bucks Mill for \$106.00, and a new pole guard for \$48.00, plus shipping for both. Mrs. Massey cared for the unit at Township Hall this year, and remarked that it needs to be cleaned with a hose. She reported that a County employee banded the birds.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Annete reported on progress in the fields of solar and wind power, and hydrogen fuel. She suggested the Township consider a combination of technologies. Mr. Domidion remarked that solar and/or wind power generation would be useful additions to buffer zones, creating revenue from non-producing land.

Mrs. Massey reported that she received an email from Frank Delladonna regarding litter created by unsolicited home delivery of the News-Transcript, a publication of Greater Media News. He forwarded photographs of the paper clogging storm drains. He wanted to meet with the Commission, but is meeting tonight with the Board of Health and representatives of the News-Transcript. Greater Media News sent a letter stating that they are engaged in a "lawful business activity." Mrs. Massey noted that the judiciary has consistently found unconstitutional municipal ordinances prohibiting newspapers from unsolicited delivery. Although individuals can request non-delivery of newspapers, she advised that the Township cannot act against them.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

ARC News

Notice of Green Building @ the Jersey Shore Conference on October 29 in Toms River, sponsored by Rutgers University, Monmouth University, Barnegat Bay Estuary Program and Jacques Cousteau National Estuary Research Reserve ([www.jcnerr.org/coastal\\_training](http://www.jcnerr.org/coastal_training))

Mr. Domidion motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Ms. Annete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting 7:30 pm –October 6, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

