



**COLTS NECK  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

## **Meeting Minutes October 5, 2009**

### **Members**

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

Absent – Sashe Annete, Thomas Hennessey (excused) and John Vig

### **Associates**

Present –

Absent –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 July 6, 2009 and August 3, 2009 meetings were tabled. Mr. Kostka announced that Mrs. Anderl has resigned from the Commission.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

The application of Trump National Golf Course, PB680, Block 46, Lot 1.52 proposes several alterations and additions to existing conditions, including relocation of tees, addition of two tennis courts to the existing four courts, and sand storage at the maintenance building site. There are several wetland violations that pre-exist Trump’s ownership of the course, and some that have been added, totaling approximately 8.5 acres. The application proposes an exchange of 17 plus acres of conservation easements in exchange for the wetlands violations. There is no provision in the application to restore the wetlands, to which the Commission members responded with great concern.

The sites of the existing maintenance building and tennis courts are considered flood hazard areas under regulations that have been put in place since they were originally built. The proposed land exchange is in a separate area of the property. Applicant proposes to use the conservation area as a bird sanctuary. The application indicates that there will be mowing within the easement, but not whether the mowing would be done annually, or more often, nor where the mowing will occur. Annual mowing is used in conservation areas preserved for grassland species, in order to avoid succession, but more frequent mowing would destroy habitat for these species, while not providing habitat for wetlands or forest birds.

Mr. Domidion remarked that the proposed exchange of conservation easement for wetlands presents legal challenges, as conservation easements are within municipal purview, but wetlands are under state jurisdiction. He further recommended that the Commission perform a site inspection along with Colts Neck Planning Board members and representatives from N.J.D.E.P. Mr. Kostka noted that applicant has not yet applied to the D.E.P. The report to the Planning Board will emphasize the potential problems of separate jurisdictions for wetlands and easements, and lack of plans for wetlands mitigation.

**LIAISON REPORT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Announcement of program for non-scientists about geology, hydrogeology and chemistry from Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, October 14, 2009 at \$245

Letter & proposed resolution endorsing the “Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009” from the Monmouth Conservation Foundation

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

**Next Meeting 7:30 pm – November 2, 2009**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

