

Township of Colts Neck

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes January 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Protocol

Commission Members Present – Eileen Stivala, James Nicoletti, Ben O`Neill, Stephen Marx

Commission Members Absent Henry Hammond

Staff Present – Julie McGowan, James Stuart Twp. Liaison

Election of Officers for 2007 - The nominating committee proposed the following slate of officers.

Eileen Stivala – Chair Person

Jim Nicoletti – Vice Chair

Julie McGowan – Township Landscape Architect

George Fessler – Financial Consultant

A. Reed – Secretary

The proposed slate was unanimously elected by Roll Call vote.

Township Committee Liaison Report – Mayor Stuart reported

Some of the duplex family dwellings within the boundries of NWS Earle to be reduced to single family dwellings.

A tree cutting Ordinance is hoped for this year. The time is right for us to come up with one. If we don't someone else will.

There is a new issue with Earle – Tinton Falls Schools will no longer accept "Navy Kids".

Properties throughout Colts Neck Township are being identified

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for low to moderate income housing.

Tax Reassments to be done at "Fair Market Value" and will be put off until the end of 2009. Reassessment will be started at the end of '08.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. **PB # 617 Manor Homes at Colts Neck RT 537 & SchoolHouse Road East.** –
Memo to PB dated 9/9/04. Conditional resolution passed 8/5/04
Revised prints dated 12/21/05 received for review. In progress J. M. reports that the prints submitted are acceptable. Accordingly, J.M. recommended acceptance of the approved prints.

2. **PB # 614A Brusco - Minor subdivision & Variance - STC**
Memo of 9/9/04 requests revised prints showing street trees on Montrose Road. Conditional approval granted subject to changes covered in J.M. memo of 3/3/05. Awaiting revised prints. NC

3. **PB # 621 Colts Neck Reformed Church** Prints dated 2/22/05 received and conditional approval granted subject to receiving four sets of prints for final approval. Awaiting revised prints. NC
(Prints Recently Received)

4. **PB # 622 Block 51, Lot 2.22 Due Process Tennis Courts** –
Block # 51, Lots 2 & 2.22 Major lot plan & Variance Prints Dated 12/30/04. Conditional approval resolution approved 1/6/05.
Revised prints required. PB awaiting action by applicant. NC

5. **PB # 609A Green, Block 46, Lot # 10, Route 537** – Conditional approval granted 1/6/05. Revised Prints Required. Awaiting action by applicant. NC

6. **PB # 636 Findel, Cedar Dr. – Minor Site plan** – JM report dated 3/6/06 on 12/22.05 prints – open item awaiting PB action and revised prints.
NC

7. **PB # 638 Sebolt Windsor Place.** – Prints dated 2/10/06 reviewed. See JM memo of 3/1/06 Awaiting PB action. JM to review **NC**
8. **PB # 643 JP Morgan Chase Bank- Block 47, Lot 16.01 –**
Revised plans required. **NC** [Expected next month]
9. **PB # 625 Vicaro II three Buildings Changed –**
10. **PB # 640 Omni Point Cell Tower –**
11. **PB # 648**
12. **ZB # 740 Colts Neck Animal Clinic Hwy 34 –**

INFRACTIONS & OTHER ITEMS

1. Rivers edge multiple residents having various greenway violations – As follows: **NC**
 - a. **Parikh** – Block 35, Lot 22.24. CEO letter of 9/10/03 reference lights to be removed by 10/10/03. CEO actively pursuing. No landscaping required. JN to follow up with CEO.
 - b. **Bisignano** – Block 35, Lot 22.23 – CEO letter of 11/13/03, violations to be removed by Oct 1, 2003. JN to follow up with CEO.
 - c. **Damusjian** – Block 35, Lot 22.18 – CEO letter dated 10/16/03 with action by 11/01/03. No action as of 11/01/03. CEO and JN to follow up.
 - d. **Vulpis/Lionette** – Block 35, Lot 22.19 – CEO Letter dated 10/16/03. Need to consult lawyer regarding STC's next move. CEO and JN to follow up.
 - e. **Aprilante** – Block 35, lot 22.20, CEO sent letter dated 10/16/03. Mrs. Aprilante called GEF saying “ Fire caused damage” . Need to consult lawyer regarding STC's next move. CEO & JN to follow up.
2. **Rogers - Block 21, Lot 3.1 Laird Road** - 75 ft. strip Greenway restoration along Laird Road. The Commission had requested Mr. Rogers to provide a reasonable sketch of the

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existing plantings in the area as well as his proposal for restoration. Mr. Rogers presented a rough sketch purporting to show the existing plantings but it was lacking scale and is too crude to be of any use. Committeeman Stuart reviewed the past history of this violation and the current status. Mr. Rogers refused to provide a reasonable complete-to-scale sketch of his proposed restoration plan. After, he (Rogers) left the meeting, Mr. Stuart stated that he would propose to the Township Committee that J. McGowan – the Township Landscape Architect – prepare a restoration plan meeting the Township's objectives which would then be presented to Mr. Rogers for implementation. JM subsequently drew a landscaping plan to scale. The plan was then sent to Mr. Rogers via registered and regular mail. See Rogers email to ES dated 3/10/06.

Summons was issued to Mr. Rogers. The case went to Court on April 7. The court heard a discussion of the case and set Friday May 26, for an expected resolution. Meanwhile, Mr. Rogers mowed part of the greenway again. Prosecutor says Glen Gerkin to survey. STC chair to work/review. If determined to be delinquent court order will be pursued.

Court date February.

3. **Shor – Block 27, Lot 10.2 Bluebell Road** – Fence and structure in Conservation Easement and wetlands, groundcover, shrubs and trees cut. CEO sent letters dated 3/11/04 & 4/15/05. CEO, GEF and DEP representative met with Mr. Shor. He is to proceed with the wetlands problem first. CEO and JN to follow up. NC

4. **Nix, Paul, #1 Western Drive, Block 100, Lot 9.2** – Greenway mowed and markers are missing. CEO, JM and GEF inspected site and confirmed violations. JN, HH and CEO to follow up. Letter of 12/14/05 sent to Mr. Nix by CEO. HH to check status of fence. H.H. reports fence installed with only 1 section left to install. NC Awaiting report from H.H.

5. **PB # 633 Clemente # 9 Western Drive, Block 10, Lot 9.6** – Greenway easement and site violation. On 6/29/05, GEF and AJ Garito discussed 6/02/05 print with Township Committee. They agreed to land swap and other changes. PB approved

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with conditions. Revised prints required. NC J.M. to check with T. Anfuso.

6. . **Naddeo # 6 Orchard Lane, Block 34, Lot 16.4** – Cut trees and ground cover in greenway behind lot. GEF, HH, JM & JN and CEO working with owner on resolution. Mr. Naddeo attended October STC meeting and agreed to comply with restoration plan. Restoration work currently in progress. HH to follow up. ES wrote letter to Mr Naddeo suggesting replacement of deer damaged tree and protection solutions to further control deer damage. H.H to check. To be inspected by J. N. & J. A. NC

7. **Figaro, Michel # 153 Cedar Drive** – Cut large tree in conservation easement. JM & JA to report on site visit and make recommendations for restoration. NC ES will write letter to Mr. Figaro asking that he replace the large 36 inch caliber that was removed with five 3 inch caliber white oaks. Locations will be flagged by JM and suggest planting by 15 May '06 *NC E. S. to write letter*

8. . **DeFalco, Robert # 26 Twin Lake Drive, Block # 48, Lot 20.13 - Landscape easement Violation.** – Off Bond. Tax Map 7.05, 6/05/05. JN, GEF visited site – GEF needs to review with JM and follow up. Violation notice served 11/06/05 and on-site visit with GEF. Mr. DeFalco to replace rails in fence but not to remove any more brush or ground cover. Discuss restoration procedure. JM will determine what is to be planted after a visit to the site. JM to follow up w/letter.

9. **Leber - #3 Fox Hedge** – **Tree down on his property.** Steve Marx to contact Eddie Thompson to determine if the Road Department can handle it.

Committee Reports

Violations, Complaints and “other” item resolution subcommittee.

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Greenway -

Cul-de-sac Sub Committee – S. Marx reported – Tallyrand Dr. cul-de-sac in poor shape. Requires major fill (preferably soil). It is suggested that once fill is completed residents should be approached to adopt. Progress Stephen Marx submitted more than ten photographs showing condition of the cul-de-sac which is lacking soil and has dead stumps of long since dead trees.

Pools - No report. – Only two left this year.

Public Lands Committee Report - *Street Trees, Town Hall, Park Lands, Greenways, Conservation acres, and Landscape easements.* H.H. reports that a list of materials is being compiled to dress places such as the new building in Bucks Mill Park. Bids received. To be broken out to individual items to take advantage of lowest individual bids. Secretary to write letters to successful bidders informing them officially of the bid awards. Letters written and mailed to successful bidders.

STC Member's Reports & Questions – None

Meeting Adjourn @ - 9:33 PM Motioned by Ben O'Neill
seconded by Mary Barbagallo