

***Township of Colts Neck
Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2005***

Protocol:

The meeting was called to order by chairman Michael Alagna at 7:30 PM who read the following Public Meeting Statement.

“As presiding officer of this meeting of the Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission, I hereby declare that Notice Requirements in accordance with the provisions of Open Meeting Law, Chapter 21, P.L. 1995 was provided in accordance with the Annual Notice Procedures of C10:4 – 28 of said act. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting.”

Roll Call –

Commission Members Present – Michael Alagna, Eileen Stivala, Jennifer Axelrod, Henry Hammond, James Nicoletti, Ben O’Neill.

Staff Members Present – George Fessler, Julie McGowan, James Stuart, Ben Forester (Mayor)

Member Absent – Mary Barbagallo

January 2005 Minutes – were approved as motioned by Ben O’Neill and seconded by Jennifer Axelrod

Township Committee Liaison Report -

Committeeman James Stuart reported that NWS Earle plans to open a portion of the base to public housing is status quo.

- Mayor Forester discussed the proposed ordinance amendment concerning corner Greenway Lots at major subdivision entrances – This item is expected to be on the next Township Committee Agenda.

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. **PB # 570 Conover Ridge Estate** – Application dropped.
2. **PB App. # 602 – Mumford/Ditmar Farm Minor Subdivision & Minor Site Plan** – Settlement agreement documented in letter dated 12/11/03. All conditions to be satisfied by 5/15/04. (Wet weather caused delay in accomplishment.) Completion date extended to May 15, 2005.
3. **PB # 617 Manor Homes at Colts Neck RT 537 & School House Road East.** - Memo to PB dated 9/9/04. Conditional resolution passed 8/5/04. New print dated 9/30/04 reviewed and found in order. Require four sets of 9/30/04 prints in accordance with Planning Board Resolution. Awaiting prints for approval.
4. **PB # 619 Matzel - Minor Site & Variance** - **Prints dated 1/6/04 received for review.** Need variance for size and height of accessory building and minor site plan for pond. GEF, JM to follow up. (*To be on Feb. PB agenda.*) **Withdrawn By Applicant**
5. **PB # 614A Brusco - Minor subdivision & Variance** **STC Memo** of 9/9/04 requests revised prints showing street trees on Montrose Road. STC awaiting revised plans. GEF to follow up with Planning Board. Received 1/24/05 new prints expected for March STC Meeting.
6. **PB # 620 Palazzolo - Amended Major Subdivision** - **Application withdrawn by applicant.**

7. **PB # 621 Colts Neck Reformed Church** Site plans prints dated 12/29/04 received for Informal review. Prints found to be in order and will approve when received from Planning Board.
8. **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.
9. **PB # 609A Green, Block 46, Lot # 10, Route 537 –** Conditional approval granted 1/6/05. Revised Prints Required.

Infractions and Other Items

Items 1. thru 6. following, are being actively pursued by GEF and Code Enforcement Officer.

1. Rivers Edge Multiple residents having various greenway violations - Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) actively pursuing violations. Letter sent by C.E.O. to violators.

List of Violations -

- (a.) **Parikh** Block 35, Lot 22.24, CEO letter of 9/10/03 reference lights to be removed by 10/1/03. CEO actively pursuing. No landscaping required. GEF 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 GEF 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 11/03/03. CEO & GEF to follow up.
- (d.) **Vulpis/Lionette** - Block 35, Lot 22.19 - CEO letter dated 10/16/03 Vulpis called GEF informing that Property was sold to **Lionette** on 4/16/03. Need to consult with lawyer regarding STC's next move. CEO & GEF to follow up.
- (e.) **Aprilante** Block 35, lot 22.20, CEO sent letter dated 10/16/03. Mrs. Aprilante called GEF on 10/20/03 saying "fire caused damage". Need to consult lawyer regarding STC's next move. CEO & GEF to follow up.

2. **Rogers Block 21, Lot 3.1 Laird Road** - CEO letter of 1/2/04 to Rogers. CEO, GEF, & JM visited site and discussed resolution with Rogers. CEO, GEF & JM to follow up. Township Committee action on ordinance change awaited.

3. **Vlanos 20 Seedling Drive** - Report of Greenway Violation - G.E.F, J.M. & S. M. to follow up. Violations present. CEO to write letter. Greenway markers are missing.

4. **Shor - Block 27, Lot 10.2 Bluebell Road** - Fence and structure in Conservation Easement and wetlands, ground cover and shrubs/trees cut. CEO sent letter dated 3/11/04. 3/10/04 CE) & GEF inspected property. 4/15/04 CEO & GEF and DEP representative met with Shor, he is to proceed with DEP wetlands problem first. CEO & GEF to follow up.

5. **Nix, Paul 1 Western Drive Block 100, lot 9.2** - Cut Greenway. Markers missing. CEO to write letter arranging on-site meeting.

6. . **Carappa #12 Woodhollow Road & Grelly St.** - ATV path into Greenway. CEO, JM and GEF visited site. Mr. Carappa agreed to restore area as directed by J.M. and G.E.F. Work in Progress. GEF & HH to contact Public Works to remove pile of asphalt at end of Greely Street.

7. **Clemente #9 Weston Drive. Block 10, lot 9.6. Greenway, easement and site violation.** GEF & CEO visited site 10/20/04 Meeting held on 11/7/04 with Mr. Clemente, A.J. Garito, Timothy Anfuso and Richard Galinski, J.M. and G.E.F. Mr. Clemente agreed to provide an "as built" plan of his lot for further discussion. GEF, JM & CEO to follow-up.

8. **Salvati # 36 Lake Dr.** Conservation easement violation. Under investigation by STC Staff.

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Committee Reports

Violations, Complaints and “other” item resolution subcommittee.

Greenway - None

Cul-de-sac Sub Committee - None

Pools - None

Public Lands Committee Report - Street Trees, Town Hall, Park Lands, Greenways, Conservation acres, and Landscape easements.

Arbor Day Committee Report - None

Staff Report – J.M. reported that the Township of Colts Neck has been awarded the title of “Tree City” for eleven straight years.

STC Member’s Reports & Questions - None

Meeting Adjourn @ 8:46 PM as motioned by Hank Hammond and seconded by Eileen Stivala