

**4 March 2004 Meeting Minutes - Shade Tree
Commission {Corrected 5/06/04}**

***Township of Colts Neck
Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
4 March 2004***

**Protocol: Call Meeting to order @ 7:40 PM by
Chairwoman Diana Goubeaud who read the
open public meeting statement.**

**Roll Call - Members present Diana Goubeaud, Mary
Barbagallo, Jennifer Axelrod, Michael Alagna. Staff
Present - Julie McGowan, George Fessler,
Township Liaison James Stuart.**

Absent - Rita Ruggieri, Henry Hammond, J. Stuart

**February Minutes - Approved unanimously Eileen
Stivala offered a motion which was seconded by Diana
Goubeaud.**

**Township Committee Liaison Report - Mr.
Stuart - absent**

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

**1. PB # 570 Conover Ridge Estate - Re: landscaping of
Greenways and Removal of 100 year old Oak Trees - STC
resolution of 12/09/02 applies - Awaiting new plans for Greenway
Landscaping. *On Hold for Planning Board Action* - It was noted at
the meeting that many trees have been cut down on the property in
question. Planning Board Action is required. On hold in PB Agenda;
Greenway Easement violated.**

**2. * ZB # 609 Verizon Wireless - Request for an antenna on
existing Power Company Tower on Crine Road. - Conditionally
approved on 6/5/03 Awaiting new landscaping plans. J.M. to follow
up. Currently awaiting new landscaping plans.**

3. PB App. # 602 - Mumford/Ditmar Farm Minor

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Subdivision & Minor Site Plan - Settlement agreement documented in letter dated 12/11/03. All conditions to be satisfied by 5/15/04 GEF to follow up. E. S. & J. McGowan to work with superintendant of Mumford/Ditmar Farm.

4. **PB # 532 Shadow Isle Golf Club - Block 46, Lot 1.50, 1.51, 1.52, & 1.1** - Application for New Club House. Landscape Plans dated 9/1/03 apply. Awaiting new landscaping prints, JM to follow up with A.J. Garito. Planning Board gave conditional approval. Awaiting prints from A. J. Garito. Tentatively to be received some time in April.

5. * **PB # 590 St. Mary's Church - Block 19, Lot 18** - Awaiting new (final prints.) JM reported that A.J. Garito promised new/final prints in March. Resolution written accepting final prints. Honey Locust isn't a good tree for this area. J.M. recommends Maples, or Elm trees (disease resistant Valley Forge or Princeton Elms.

6. * **PB # 574 Orchards Shopping Center Site Plan dated 10/20/01 revised 7/18/03** - On February Planning Board Agenda - JM to review. *STC Denied Application* awaiting Planning Board Action. STC still awaiting prints. Attached letter dated 2/5/04 Sent to Planning Board.

7. **PB # 609 Green Site Plan Waiver** - Conditional Approval granted on 12/04/03. 4 sets of Landscaping Plans Required. Still awaiting revised Landscaping Plans. J.M. to follow up.

8. * **PB # 613 & ZB #639 Montifusco - Orchard Lane** - Major Subdivision (2 lots) - Prints dated 1/26/04, Review at meeting. Resolution to Zoning Board Denied on the grounds that Grading as shown will expose tree roots and may result in tree kill. Vote - Offered by Diana Goubeaud, Seconded by Henry Hammond, unanimously passed. PB referred to ZB for coverage variance. New Prints dated 2/17/04 received for review.

9. * **PB # 612 Dellanno - Shady Tree Lane** - Minor site plan - Sports Court - Prints dated 1/27/04. Review at meeting. Resolution denied on grounds of poor/ inadequate plans. Upgraded plans received dated 2/17/04 Received Unanimously passed. Awaiting applicant and PB action.

10. * **PB # 611 Brock Farms - Route 34** - Building modification and relocated parking - Review at meeting - Not on Feb. Planning Board Agenda Attached letter 2/5/04 sent to PB. Awaiting new prints. Applicant seeking approval for phase 1 & 2. Phase 1 requires

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nothing, Phase 2 requires Landscaping plans.

11. PB#611 Brusso - Montrose Road - sketch plat reviewed, no action.

12. Mr. Rogers recognized from the floor to discuss improvements around his property and Greenways. Mr. Rogers seeks to "beautify" Greenways. He was alerted by STC staff that the Greenways must remain "Natural" and the STC should be contacted before undertaking any "improvements".

There was a complaint regarding the Township clearing near a white fence however, this was necessary for safety to maintain a sight triangle.

NOTE - * indicates resolution written/ and or correspondence concerning.

Infractions

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.) **Romano** Block 35, lot 22.22 J.M. report of 8/1/03. Landscaping required. GEF to follow up with CEO.

(b.) **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.

(c.) **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.

(d.) **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.

(e.) **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.

(f.) **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.

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2. Forest - Western Drive (Easement and Greenway)

Violations - J.M. & GEF to follow up

3. Saada - 46 Orchard Lane (clearing of Greenway) - GEF sent letter to Dr. Saada dated Oct 20, 2003 with completion date of Nov 15, 2003. CEO issued summons. Court date changed to 3/05/04 -to be resolved in court. STC seeking 13 trees & fence. At last discussion, Saada offered 10 trees only.

4. Primrose Lane - Lombardo - Salt damage to Greenway. CEO sent letter dated 11/13/03 requiring soil replacement and replanting of trees and grass. CEO, GEF, JM to follow up. Lombardo letter of 1/6/04 to JM stated completion by 5/15/04

5. 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. Mr. Rogers attended the 03/04/04 meeting. His request to fill area and plant grass denied. However, he is allowed additional trees and to mulch the entire area.

6. Zuppichine, 8 meadows Run Drive - ATV damage in Greenway. CEO letter of 1/21/04 addresses violation. Restoration required. CEO, GEF & JM to follow up.

Proposed "Tree Preservation Ordinance"

The Tree Preservation Ordinance is going forward. Separate committee meetings are being held to draft a sound proposal which should hold up in court if challenged and be acceptable to Township Committee. Committee actively pursuing, next meeting to be held at CN Coffee Shop.

Committee Reports

Budget read for STC comment/suggestions

Cul-de-sac Sub Committee

It was noted that generally, cul-de-sacs are looking better. Mary Barbagallo reported that she will need some Round- Up for those cul-de-sacs in her area by spring.

Secretary to get Chukker Lane agreement letter signed by Township Officials.

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Pools No Action

All Other: *Street Trees, Town Hall, Park Lands, Greenways, Conservation acres, and Landscape easements.*

Staff Report - Cross Road - *Resident reports two big trees to be cut down. Seeking STC to remove trees, property owner will replace removed trees.*

STC Member's Reports & Questions - *Plans should not be addressed unless a knowledgeable representative of the applicant (or the Applicant) is present to answer any questions the STC may have.*

Meeting Adjourn @ 9:56 PM on motion offered by Diana Goubeaud, seconded by Eileen Stivala - **Unanimously Carried.**