

***Township of Colts Neck
Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2004***

Protocol:

Call Meeting to order @ 7:34 PM by Chairman Michael Alagna who read the following Public Meeting Statement. “As Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission, I hereby declare that the Notice Requirements in Accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 21, P.L. 1975 was provided in accordance with 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 - Members present Mary Barbagallo, Henry Hammond, Michael Alagna, Eileen Stivala.

Staff Present - George Fessler

Township Liaison James Stuart.

Staff Absent - Julie McGowan

Absent - Rita Ruggieri, Diana Goubeaud, Jennifer Axelrod,

May Minutes - Approved Unanimously by a motion from H.H. which was seconded by M. B

Township Committee Liaison Report - Mr. Stuart reported on the Weapon Station Earle problem regarding housing being made public on base. Which would cause a sudden un-planned growth in the Colts Neck Population. Earle is proceeding as planned in spite of the Township's objections. The Township has met with DOD/Navy officials to object to the Navy's plans. Additionally, Mr. Stuart reported there is a possible intrusion into Green Ways near the Grand. New Jersey is soon to be deregulating Cable TV. There will probably be a re-evaluation next year. It is expected that the “Big Mansions” will probably be the hardest hit. Mid range homes will probably be the least affected. There is a new cell phone antenna in the works. It will produce some revenue for the Township and improve police communications which will be on the new tower.

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 that many trees have been cut down on the property in question. Planning Board Action is required. Prints dated 3/26/04 received and changes are required. H.H. moves that "G. E. F. letter" be sent requesting additional plantings. Seconded by E. S. motion carried.

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 5/17/04. Stumps not ground. G.E.F. to follow up.

3. **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 9/01/03 apply. Awaiting new landscaping prints, JM to follow up with A.J. Garito. Planning Board gave conditional approval. STC Awaiting prints.

4. **PB # 609 Green Site Plan Waiver** - Conditional approval granted on 12/04/03. 4 sets of Landscaping plans required. Still awaiting revised Landscaping Plans. On hold

5. **PB # 615 Aether Land Development** - Major site plan - Prints dated 03/04/04 received for review. Passed conditional resolution 4/01/04. Awaiting revised prints.

6. **PB # 604A Baker - Minor site Plan & Variances** - Prints dated 3/20/04 for review. J.M. Memo of 5/04/04 suggests moving plants 10 ft. from court. - Awaiting revised landscape plans.

7. **PB # 609A Green - Major site Plan** - prints dated 3/25/04 received for review. On hold awaiting Plans reflecting landscaping requirements consistent with STC Landscape Architect's requirements.

*8. **PB # 462 B Spatial Design** - J.M. Suggests more evergreen shrubbery (Spruce & Pine) to conceal barn. Conditional approval resolution passed. On Hold. Awaiting revised plans.

9. **PB # -** Ray's Plan to tear down existing restaurant of 6400 sq. ft. and build two more commercial buildings. Awaiting landscaping plans for STC review.

Infractions and Other Items -

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. In the Works with new CEO.

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.

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. Settlement agreement in process. Awaiting memo from J. M.

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 Completed this date except for mulch.

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. On Hold.
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. Presently On Hold. To be acted upon with new CEO.
7. **Vaccaro 61 Cross Road** - Removal and replacement of two large trees. Agreement signed 4/01/04 and \$300. 00 check received from Mr. Vaccaro. All work to be completed by 6/01/04. G.E.F. to follow up.
8. **Vlanos 20 Seedling Drive** - Report of Greenway Violation - GEF, JM & CEO to follow up. Violations present. CEO to write letter. (Greenway Markers are Missing.) Awaiting action from new CEO.
9. **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. CEO & GEF inspected property. 4/15/04 CEO & GEF and DEP representative met with Shor. He is to proceed with DEP Wetlands violation first. CEO & GEF to follow up.
10. **Nix, Paul 1 Western Drive Block 100, lot 9.2** - Cut Greenway, Markers Missing. CEO to write letter. GEF following up.
11. **Deangelis, Frank 20 Beaver Dam Road Block 35.4 Lot 12** - ATV path in Greenway. - some ground cover and brush cut. CEO letters dated 4/15/04 & 4/21/04 apply. CEO JM & GEF to follow up. Awaiting planting of seven (7) trees.
12. **Besculides, Damian - Block 35.4, Lot 11** - Beaver Dam Road. - Greenway violation. CEO, JM & GEF to follow up. CEO letter of 4/21/04 applies. **“Case Closed”**
13. **Trust, Sylvan, Block 35.3, Lot 13 Beaver Dam Road - Greenway violation**. CEO letter of 4/21/04 to violator. CEO. JM & GEF visited site, owner put up fence. **“Case Closed”**

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. - It appears that the Proposed Ordinance will be directed to New Construction. On Hold Awaiting DG response.

Violations, Complaints and “other” Item Resolution Subcommittee.

GREENWAY - Township Committee requested changes in the second page of the Greenway Letter. DG making modifications. 75 ft. buffer discussed per GEF proposal. STC agrees for two entry lots only. Put Greenway letter on hold until resolution of 75 foot strip question is resolved.

Cul-de-sac Sub Committee

M. B. reports Shady Tree Lane cul-de-sac is in poor condition. It was noted that Shady Tree Lane is still on bond.

Let the Record show that Rita A. Ruggieri came in at 2047 hours to tender he resignation from the STC. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted and STC members and Staff wish her well.

Pools No Action this month.

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

Staff Report - H. H. motioned that Julie McGowan be appointed as Memorial Tree Coordinator. Seconded by Eileen Stivala and unanimously carried.

STC Member’s Reports & Questions - None

Meeting Adjourn @ 10:16 PM on motion offered by Henry Hammond, which was seconded by Mary Barbagallo. -
Unanimously Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

A.W. Reed Secretary Colts Neck Township
Shade Tree Commission.
