

Township of Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes June 1, 2006

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Person Eileen Stivala who read the following 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. 1995 has been 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 – Eileen Stivala, James Nicoletti, Jennifer Axelrod, Henry Hammond, Ben O'Neill Commission Members Absent – Mary Barbagallo Staff Present – Julie McGowan Landscape Architect, James Stuart Committeeman Liason to Township Committee, Al Reed Secretary.
- Approval of May Minutes –
- Township Committee Liaison Report – (No significant actions going on in the Township.

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. JM met with Tim Anfuso and sent a landscape plan to Manor Homes. NC

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

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 #627 Mancini – Major subdivision, Block 26.06, Lot 3.0 & 3.01** - */9/05 prints submitted for review. JM memo of 9/12/05 and letter of 12/27/05 applies. Prints dated 2/19/05 received for review. JM investigating.
7. **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.

8. **PB # 638 Sebolt Windsor Place.** – Prints dated 2/10/06 reviewed. See JM memo of 3/1/06 Awaiting PB action.

9. **PB # 639 Miller – Plan dated 2/26/06 reviewed.** See JM memo of 2/28/06. Revised plans required. Approved by PB.

10. **PB # 640 Vaccaro II** - Revised prints dated 3/26/06 for review. Plans not acceptable. Awaiting new plans.

11. **PB # 625A Vaccaro I (replaces PB 625)** Revised prints dated 3/27/06 for reviewed. Prints not acceptable. Awaiting new prints.

12. **PB # 623A Spatial Design (Shadow Isle Golf Course) Hominy Hill Road** – Prints dated 12/27/05 granted conditional approval at March 2, 2006 STC Meeting. Revised prints dated 3/30/06 for review. Approved, no landscaping needed.

13. **PB # 634A Plean** – JM memo of 8/4/05 approved landscaping on 8/03/05 prints. Received 4 sets of 8/3/05 prints for signature.

INFRACTIONS & OTHER ITEMS

1. Rivers edge multiple residents having various greenway violations – As follows:

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.

f. **Romano** – 14 Rivers Edge Drive – Block 35, Lot 22.22, JM reported that trees were planted. Landscape issues resolved.

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 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

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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. NC

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.

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.

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 with conditions. Revised prints required.

6. **Salvati #36 Lake Drive** – Conservation easement violation. CEO, JM and GEF, visited site on 3/17/05. Violation notice served to owner. Owner has contacted landscaper. JM to suggest restoration plan. JN to follow up. NC

7. **Marvin # 111 Montrose Road and Westgate Court – Block 22.7, Lot 1** – Cut 12 large trees in Carriage Hill Drive street right-of-way. CEO issued summons. Court agreed that 5 trees shall be planted. GEF to follow to follow up with CEO, HH, JM & JN. The

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court agreed that violator should work with STC on restoration plan and location of the 5 replacement trees. Violator sent letter dated 8/24/05. Reply discussed at September STC meeting and it was agreed that GEF would write a follow-up letter to Mr. Marvin for ES signature. Letter sent dated 11/11/05. JM to flag tree locations. Discuss planting of trees. CEO send a summons. Court date is May 26, 006.

8. **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.

9. **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 10/15/06 NC

10. **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. NC

11. **Pokotylo, John # 2 Bowling Green** – Violation of conservation easement. Trees, brush and groundcover removed. Mr. Pokotylo attended STC meeting and agreed to provide a resolution plan in accordance with objectives stated by JM. Restoration in progress per JM follow up and is progressing well.

12. **Caruana, Thomas #7 Warrenton Lane** – Violation reported by CEO. On 11/14/05 foreign material in greenway. Violation form served to violator. Letter of 11/30/05 sent to violator by CEO. NC

13. **Reformato, Paul # 9 Warrenton Lane** – Violation reported by CEO. On 11/14/05 CEO, JN & GEF visited site. Foreign material in greenway and structure in easement. Letter of 11/20/05 sent to violator by CEO. NC

14. **O'Brien, Brian # 11 Warrenton Lane** – Greenway and conservation easement violation. Foreign material in greenway and structure in easement. Letter of 11/30/05 sent to violator by CEO.

15. **Patricia DeCarlo, # 12 , Mr. & Mrs. James Luisi # 14 & Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Monello – all of Culpepper Key** – Conservation easement violation reported. JM to follow up. ES to send letter to residents informing them that sprinklers should be removed and grass should not be mowed in conservation easement.

Committee Reports

Violations, Complaints and “other” item resolution subcommittee.

Greenway – No Report

Cul-de-sac Sub Committee – No Report

Pools - No Report

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

- Bag worms, #7 Tanglewood Court Not yet sprayed

STC Member's Reports & Questions –

- *Budget no action*

Meeting Adjourn @ - 9:35 PM

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