

Township of Colts Neck

Shade Tree Commission

October 4, 2007

Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Person Eileen Stivala who read the following statement. "As the 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 C 10.4 - 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 Member Absent - Stephen Marx,

Staff Present - Julie McGowan, Mayor Stuart, Al Reed Sec.

Staff Absent - none

Township Committee Liaison Report - Mayor Stuart reports - The Tree Removal Ordinance is in the Township's hands. The STC feels strongly that the present version not be watered down. Regarding the WPNSTA Earle property - There is a Beer Keg Ordinance already on the books for open air parties.

Julie McGowan letter to American Water Company (AWC) was discussed. It appears as though the water company is supportive of the Township's concern over the preservation of trees along the AWC property.

The Township is taking action in concert with the American Water Company against a Richdale Road resident who cut

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down 35 trees on Township Property. A unanimous vote from the attending STC members is in favor of this action, is duly noted.

Visitors to the Public Meeting are Mr. & Mrs. Cipriani who stated their concerns regarding the Power Line infringements and blatant disruption of trees in the Township of Colts Neck.

Nelson Tree Service acting as an agent of the Power Company (JCPL) want to clear cut trees and leave stumps for JCPL. This is not acceptable to the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Cipriani wants to put Bradford Pears on his property along the easement to provide the privacy and protection he enjoyed from the natural growth before any clear cutting was done. (On Harthshorn & Hillsdale Roads.)

New Subdivisions and Site Plans

1. **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*
2. **PB # 609A Green, Block 46, Lot # 10, Route 537** - Conditional approval granted 1/6/05. Revised Prints Required. Awaiting action by applicant. *NC*
3. **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
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5. **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*

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6. **ZB # 740 Colts Neck Animal Clinic, Hwy # 34** - Awaiting New Plans. NC
7. **PB # 649 Willow Brook Stables - Block 9, Lot 2.01 Willow Brook Road** - Plans in their present form denied NC
8. **PB # 650 Morgan - Block 30, Lot 13. Rt. 537 & New Street.** Recommend new plans. NC
9. **PB # 651 Shoppes at Colts Neck Block 48, Lot 5.39, 40 Route #34** - Inadequate plans - poor landscaping. Not approved - plans unacceptable.
10. **PB # 653 Russo - Block 21.05 Lot #1 Laird Road, Black Swan Farm. (7.04 Acres)** - Landscape plan is not acceptable. NC
11. **PB # 655 Shadow Island of CIS - Bloc 46, of #.1:52**
12. **PB#623 – Stellar Performance**

INFRACTIONS & OTHER ITEMS

1. Rivers edge multiple residents having various greenway violations - As follows: In progress
 - 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.

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- 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. Property inspection required.
2. 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 and GEF and DEP representative met with Mr. Shor. He is to proceed with the wetlands problem first. CEO & JN to follow up.
3. **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.
4. **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. NC J.M. to check with T. Anfuso.
- 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
6. **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