



**COLTS NECK
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Meeting Minutes December 5, 2011

Members

Present – David Kostka, Liaison Michael Fitzgerald, Sashe Annete, Jennifer Barbieri, Vincent Domidion, Mary Massey and John Vig

Absent – Thomas Hennessey (excused)

Guest – Lois Blake

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mr. Kostka who read the following statement. “In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, public notice of this meeting has been provided by publication of an annual notice in the Asbury Park Press and posting of this notice on the bulletin board at Town Hall.”

On a motion by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Mrs. Massey, the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting were approved with the deletion of “the” before “both” in the second line after “Planning Board.”

PLANNING BOARD

Red Fox (Overbrook Estates), Block 50, Lots 4 & 5, Hockhockson Road, has applied for a subdivision that would include a group home in lieu of affordable housing. Neither an Environmental Impact Assessment nor a Tree Save Plan has been submitted. The plans indicate that a Tree Save Plan was made by Seneca Survey. This plan, and an E.I.A., must be made available to the Commission before comments can be made. Mr. Domidion commented that the N.J.D.E.P. permits 50 foot buffer averaging that retains an equal amount of buffered land. However, this parcel has a very high water table and very widely scattered wetlands, so that buffer averaging ultimately might prove detrimental to the environment in some instances. To prevent such an occurrence, Mr. Domidion suggested that the Township seek a municipal conservation easement as a total overlay of identified wetlands. Mr. Kostka will discuss this possibility with Planning Board Attorney Michael Steib.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that an ordinance regarding group homes was passed by Township Committee. This ordinance is fairly comprehensive and will restrict group homes according to the zone and the house and lot sizes, and still permit the group home proposed at Overbrook Estates.

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OLD BUSINESS

Lois Blake attended the meeting to learn what progress had been made regarding recycling confusion, as discussed at the July meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the Township Committee is working to change the ordinance that currently requires recycling of only types 1 and 2 plastic. Mrs. Blake strongly urged thoroughly educating the citizenry. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested monthly postings of environmental tips. Mr. Vig offered to present information on disposal of hazardous materials.

Mrs. Massey reported that she met with Planner Tim Anfuso regarding easements. He informed her that all the information is contained only on the tax maps. These cost \$40 for the set. The Commission budget should cover the expense. Mr. Domidion stated that he has color-coded easement maps of parts of the Township. Further, he will ask Eric Anderson of Monmouth County GIS if the information is available electronically. Mrs. Massey suggested that in converting the information from a map to a database the purpose of the database should first be determined, in order to plan for an appropriate format. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that it could be used to monitor compliance of property owners, and that links could be added later. Mr. Vig suggested that GPS data could be added as well as links.

Mr. Kostka requested that Mr. Domidion and Ms. Annete submit a written report on their research into wind-generated power, based on the current ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

On a motion by Mr. Vig, seconded by Mrs. Massey, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Next Meeting 7:30 pm –January 3, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

