



**COLTS NECK
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

124 Cedar Drive
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Meeting Minutes January 3, 2011

Members

Present – David Kostka, Liaison Michael Fitzgerald, Jennifer Barbieri, Vincent Domidion, and Thomas Hennessey

Absent – Sashe Annete, Mary Massey (excused) and John Vig

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.”

Jennifer Barbieri was welcomed as a new member of the Environmental Commission.

The minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

PLANNING BOARD

Reflections at Colts Neck (Brandywine Assisted Living), PB693, Block 46, Lot 17.04, has submitted an application to close an open-field system and change to a closed septic tank that will be drained periodically. No objections were expressed. However, concern was expressed regarding what is planned for the area of the existing plant and whether there will be any impact on the ground water discharge level.

Trump National Golf Course, PB692, Block 46, Lot 1.52, is seeking approval to enlarge a patio from 38 seats to 138 seats. The Fire Marshal has indicated that the plans might prevent fire equipment from having access to the rear of the club house. The Planning Board carried the application.

Trump has further petitioned the N.J.D.E.P. for permission to divert approximately 40 million gallons of water from Marl Brook, a tributary of Mine Brook. An N.J.D.E.P. hearing will be held on January 19 at 1 p.m. at Township Hall. After considerable discussion, Mr. Domidion proposed three major concerns:

1. Impact on potable water supply
2. Impact on water quality
3. Impact on aquatic habitat

Mr. Domidion will draft a letter to N.J.D.E.P., to be delivered at the hearing. The draft will be attached to the hard copy of the minutes.

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LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Fitzgerald reported on the challenges to snow removal and street cleaning that were posed by the extremely rapid snow accumulation and very high winds experienced during the recent blizzard.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kostka spoke with Julie McGowan of Shade Tree regarding limiting the dredging of the pond in front of Township Hall, to the southern end only. Mrs. McGowan expressed the opinion that the entire pond should be dredged, because if the north end is left undredged, the silt will only move on into the main body of the pond, causing need for dredging again sooner than would otherwise be necessary. There are no funds at the moment for the project, so the question is moot. Funds were expended for permitting, and Mr. Kostka will ask Bob Bowden to reveal the permit expiration dates.

Mr. Kostka distributed copies of an email from Ron Gorayeb of Solus Energy regarding the potential for solar energy projects in the Township. The email does not address the questions that were asked of them. The suggested "carports" (140 of them in front of Township Hall) would be an expense of an uncalculated amount for the Township. The report does not address how that would affect the final cost *or* savings. Mr. Hennessy will determine which solar contractor the County Park System uses.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hennessy reported that an article in the New York Times stated that New York State plans to eliminate 165,000 geese. The article stated that geese caused \$2.2 million damage to aircraft in the past year.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

On a motion by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Mrs. Barbieri, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Next Meeting 7:30 pm – February 7, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary

