



Meeting Minutes December 2, 2013

Members

Present – David Kostka, Liaison Tom Orgo, Sashe Annete Jennifer Barbieri, Vincent Domidion, Rick Ecklord and Mary Massey

Absent – Thomas Hennessy (excused) and Associate Member 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.”

On a motion by Mr. Domidion and seconded by Ms. Annete, the minutes of the November 4, 2013 meeting were approved with the corrections that the reference to a previous owner on line two of paragraph one of the Planning Board section be omitted, and the last line of the paragraph should read: “While the Commission favors the concept of the land exchange, if the Township Committee agrees in principal, the applicant will be referred to the Planning Board for consideration.”

Elina Garber, PB707, Block 29, Lots 9.02, 10 & 10.05, Bluebell Road & Fremont Road, is a continuing application with three different problems. First, outbuildings were erected without approval and within 29 to 42 feet of the property line, where a setback of 100 feet is required. The applicant has offered to relocate the outbuildings, but how they will be accessed from the public road is not indicated on the plans. Second, extensive residential amenities, including a basketball court, were constructed without approval. The third problem is an environmental concern that there is existing impervious coverage of 16.7% where 10% is allowed. The latest plan proposes total impervious coverage of 13.9, but includes the use of “grass pavers” in place of the present gravel drive leading from Fremont Road to the stable. The applicant asserts that by use of these pavers the impervious coverage will be further reduced to 9.6%.

“Grass pavers” have been allowed and used for occasional overflow parking, and for emergency access. The Freehold Soil Conservation Service opposes the use of these pavers as surface for heavily used areas such as driveways, as they will eventually silt up and become impervious. Mr. Orgo remarked that snow plows cannot be used where these pavers are installed. He also mentioned a new technology in which a plastic surface is placed under the soil surface to stabilize the area for traffic. The durability and performance of this substance is not yet proven.

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On a motion by Mr. Domidion, and seconded by Mrs. Massey, to oppose the use of “grass pavers” for the driveway as a method to reduce impervious coverage, the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Kostka	Yes
Ms. Annete	Yes
Mrs. Barbieri	Yes
Mr. Domidion	Yes
Mr. Ecklord	Yes
Mrs. Massey	Yes

Dorothy Vastola, Block 51, Lot 8, 17 Water Street, has submitted a two-lot subdivision plat plan on 4.46 acres, for a public hearing. Approximately one-third of the property is in a conservation easement.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Orgo will investigate the progress of retrofitting storm drains with plastic covers that prevent plastic bottles from entering the drains.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Domidion noted that efforts by the Township Committee in regard to the burgeoning deer population are reflected in the cover of the current Time magazine, which pictures a deer and the label “Greatest Pest.”

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Barbieri suggested that professional cleaning of the purple martin houses be added to the Commission budget. On a motion by Mr. Domidion, seconded by Mrs. Barbieri, the attached meeting schedule for 2014 was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

On a motion by Mr. Domidion, seconded by Mr. Ecklord, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm. **The next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Monday, January 6, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry, Secretary



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2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 6, 2014

Monday, February 3, 2014

Monday, March 3, 2014

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Monday, June 2, 2014

Monday, July 7, 2014

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Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Monday, October 6, 2014

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