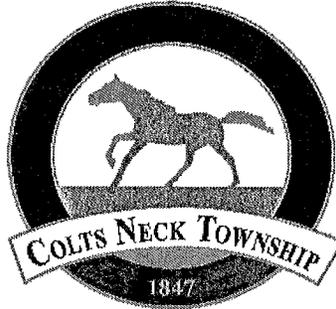


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Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2019

Members

Present – Thomas Pacheco, Mary Massey, David Kostka, Thomas Hennessy, John Vig, Thomas Fitzsimmons and Liaison Michael Viola

Excused- Stephen Dnistrian,

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Thomas Pacheco, who read the following statement “The notice requirements of the New Jersey public meetings law have been satisfied by noticing the News Transcript and the Asbury Park Press on January 18, 2019 stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Environmental Commission would be held on May 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm. at Town Hall. The Notice requirements have been posted on the Township website, and a copy is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.”

The minutes of the February 4, 2019 were approved on a motion by Thomas Hennessy and seconded David Kostka.

NEW BUSINESS

PB# 731 Grooms/Crusius Place Block 24, Lot 5, and 7

This is a conforming application in A-3 residential district. The proposal is for a sub-division, on a 1 1/2-acre lot with an existing house, which will be removed. The sub-division will be dividing this lot into 2- 3/4 acres, with two new houses that will be roughly over 3500 square feet.

On a motion by Dave Kostka and seconded by Thomas Hennessy, the Environmental Commission unanimously agreed that the application has no adverse environmental impact.

ZB# 1010 25 Merchants Way Reform Church Block 3 Lot 10.01

This application is a minor sub-division. The property has a Baptist Church which is relocating with a residential house on the lot. The proposal is to divide the property into a residential and commercial area. The reform Church building will now be zone under a commercial B-1 Business District.

On a motion by Dave Kostka and seconded by Thomas Fitzsimmons, the Environmental Commission unanimously agreed that the application has no adverse environmental impact.

OLD BUSINESS

PB# 690B- Huddy's Inn Restaurant, 206 County Route 537 Block 49 Lot 19

Mr. Kostka reported that this application was approved by the Planning Board.

Category 1 streams proposed articles and link is in the final stages of completion.

LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Michael Viola introduce residents present at the EC board meeting Melinda Martin and Ann Sherwood from Shade Tree and Wildlife committee. Resident Ann Sherwood from Shade Tree worked with a professor from one of the local community colleges that studies the impact of deer in relation to forest health. Ms. Sherwood assisted in designing a map surveying the surrounding area in the Clover Hill section. Which has determined, the deer population in this designated area is reported to have 250 deer per square mile.

Mr. Viola reported last fall, the Department of the Navy and the Monmouth Conservation Foundation announced a land purchase agreement, in relation to a land uses study pertaining to concerns of storm resiliency, and to preserve properties from over development.

One of the studies have shown, that 100% percent of water that goes into swimming river reservoir is collected in Colts Neck and is distributed to approximately half the Monmouth county residents.

Mr. Viola has corresponded with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and has requested resources to educate the Colts Neck community on the importance of environmental conservation.

CORRESPONDENCE

David Kostka has many topics for the Environmental Commission Board to explore.

1) There are multiple communities in New Jersey have passed an ordinance banning single use plastic bags and others plastic disposable items. Mr. Koskta suggested to EC board if there is a possible to form a sub-committee to propose a similar ordinance regarding plastic items to present to the township committee.

On a motion by Dave Kostka and seconded by John Vig, the Environmental Commission will investigate the issues concerning of plastic items.

2) Beekeepers have reported to lose over 45% percent of their honeybee colony within one year, due to dangerous a pesticide. Mr. Kostka suggested this maybe another project for the EC board to get involved in.

3) Mr. Kostka requested to publicize on the Colt Neck website, that will be a tic and flea presentation provided by The Monmouth County Environmental Council open to the public on Wednesday June 5, 2019 7-9 pm

On a motion by Thomas Pacheco and a seconded by Thomas Fitzsimmons, accompanied by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday June 3, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary,

Gina Cristiano