

BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

AGENDA, JANUARY 22, 2015

Call to order and attendance. December minutes for approval.

Resolution for adoption by EC stating 2015 meeting dates.

Copies of membership list for all; please contact Margaret with any corrections.

Correspondence and updates:

ANJEC 2015 membership dues: \$290 for first seven members + \$25 for each alternate + \$60 for workshop plan.

Article: Lackawanna Cutoff Historical Society shares vision for Greendell station.

Article: Chairman of Warren County Board of Recreation, Mike Helbing, walking the perimeter of NJ. This group also very supportive of Cutoff trail.

NY-NJ Trail Conference advocacy effort: To prevent Sunday hunting in NJ.

Cutoff rail service restoration: Re-notice of application to NJDEP for flood hazard and wetlands permits, based on changes to proposed station on Roseville Road in Andover Township. Includes a request for a hardship exception for disturbance “special water resource protection area” and for exception from stormwater management rules. Thirty-day comment period; full application is at town hall.

BEM Systems Response Action Outcome Notice for Stanhope Electrical Facility PI ID: 031965: Consultants report on fuel tank spills at NJDOT facility on Route 206 in Byram. Unclear what this response answers regarding this site. *John reviewed it.*

Easement monitoring pilot grant project: Letter sent 12/17 to Planning about the easement process—no response yet; identifying more files/plats at town hall—possible dates to help Margaret.

2015 ANJEC grants for open space stewardship: Up to \$1500; application guidelines by mid-January; due early April. Margaret and Jim visited Johnson Lake 10-acre park parcel. (Bench? Cans?)

EC support for Council resolution supporting funding for States Parks and Historic Sites: dated 12/30/14 and emailed same day to list of recipients on Council resolution.

Community Forestry Annual Accomplishment report for 2014: Next 5-year plan now being prepared under Green Communities Grant.

Calendar and brochure from Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ: MacKenzie Hall works for them and organized the amphibian counts on Waterloo Road.

Business:

Soil ordinance: Appoint EC subcommittee to produce draft ordinance to be submitted to Planning Board and Council at once. *(See also EC comments on annual quarry relicensing.)* *Tilcon has a Clean Fill Material Acceptance Certification for its quarry in Prospect Park, NJ, including laboratory analysis.*

Planning Board:

- Applications:
 - ✓ Walter Edwards, 19 Meteor Trail (Cranberry Lake lakeshore), on February 5 Planning Board agenda; PB engineer's letter 12/30/14 calling for more information and applicant to apply to NJDEP regarding riparian regulations (including rocks dumped along shoreline).
 - ✓ Douglas Paul, 300 Stag Pond Rd., home enlargement with wetlands permit for septic repair: application materials emailed to EC on 12/18; also review by PB engineer, with possible open questions following engineer's 1/12/15 letter; on March 5 PB agenda.
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 - ✓ Other pending applications, with no hearing dates set:
 - Lake Mohawk Pool & Spa: permission to build on two residential lakeshore parcels; PB engineer reviewed and requires revisions.
 - Cartridge Actuated Devices: application is incomplete; seeking approval for buildings already constructed.
 - Garrity, Laurel Cove, Cranberry Lake: addition on lakeshore home; application needs more work.
- Additions to variance checklist: the PIBd approved requiring both existing and proposed floor plans for additions; does the EC have other suggestions?
- Highlands Applicability application for proposed house at Block 186 Lot 1 (2.5 acres at corner of Route 206 and North Shore Road): EC comments submitted. Cranberry Lake Community Club also commented.

Trails:

- Spring work at Johnson Lake and leftover work at Brookwood Park. EC advocacy for
- Cutoff trail: President Joshua Weinstein of Lackawanna Cutoff Historical Society, which is raising money for a museum in the old Greendell station, responded very favorably; will contact Margaret after their next meeting.

No Net Loss tree planting grant application: Submitted to NJDEP 12/18/14 for \$317,554. Planting plan for 1,058 trees due by Feb.-Mar. 2015. At \$300 per tree, all expenses, which can be paid to an outside contractor. Revise the EC's 2008 planting recommendations. Architectural Review Committee may submit recommendations also.

Musconetcong River: Michelle/Scott. Letters sent in December from MWA and MRMC objecting to NJDOT/Tilcon's work at the Route 206 bridge—status? Seeking similar letter from Trout Unlimited?

Report from EC liaison to Open Space Committee: Michelle.

Report from Dave Gary, Council liaison to EC: Status of better process with Sussex County Division of Health and with Planning Board applications. (Bulk standards at Cranberry Lake?)

Tilcon annual quarry licensing application: James reviewed; draft of comments for EC to review. Issues regarding Tilcon's failure to comply with Spill Fund—see 12/19/14 letter from Byram Land Development's (land owner) attorney—and remaining metal debris on lower quarry parcel next to new wetlands buffer (remediation for wetlands destruction with Route 206 project). Also, add more detail on requirements for wetlands buffer plantings?

Adjourn.