

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
January 6, 2016
Community Center
7:30 pm

Participants: Mike Domitrovits, Joe Bergstein, Mike Merriman, Ingrid Haeckel and Jim Littlefoot.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15PM

Public Comment:

New Membership: Andrew Ashton moved to New Paltz from Rhode Island. Originally from Dutchess County.

Old Membership:

Reappointments: Mike D, Libby and Joe still need to be sworn in. Must go to town clerk during business hours or at a town board meeting.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Joe made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim. Passed 5-0.

Norman's Tree Planting: Donations/final cost/watering. Is anyone owed money? Laura? Tabled until February.

Planning Board Projects Status:

Article 41: "Regulation of traffic study by Towns" was reviewed. It references studies from 2006 which we feel is irrelevant. Traffic has increased substantially since then with the addition of Woodland Pond and other industry in the area. We need clarity from the town if this is an update to the February 13, 2015 Traffic Impact Study?

Ecological report for CVS (Bagden) will need to be reviewed by the EnCB. It was just received today and will require review and comment. Mike M. found it on the town website and sent it to each member of the Board.

CVS: Has anyone gotten a letter from Jeff Logan drafted for the Town Board to vote on? Not received.

Discussions:

- Ulster County EMC Meeting Report (Jim): Jim attended. No news to report. End of year parties were the theme.

New Business

MS4 Compliance (Joe): Joe has been reaching out to local town representatives to line up some training. He spoke with Stacy Delarede and Amanda LaValle. The village mayor Tim Rogers reached out to the county to see if the Village, Town, NPCSD, and SUNY had to participate in our MS4 district. It was confirmed that, yes, all parties must comply. Looking into an opportunity to see if the training costs and classes could be shared by each entity.

Bottom line, Joe will reissue the letter to our new town board to make them aware of the EnCB concerns. Basically reissuing the letter previously submitted with some changes.

Mike M. and Joe are going to work on some informational brochures to possibly be distributed at town board meetings as part of our MS4 obligation for public awareness.

City of Newburgh Green Infrastructure Guide was distributed by Ingrid to be reviewed by EnCB to see if any of it could be applied in New Paltz policy.

GIS Update (Ingrid): Ingrid was able to demonstrate the GIS data for the town of New Paltz. It might be possible to have the greenway grant fund a laptop for installing this GIS software on for the EnCB. We need to ask Dan if a grant writer is available for this. Ingrid has more information. The mapping was performed by members from Lloyd and New Paltz. The map overlays have a ton of information on flood plains, wetlands, endangered species, etc. This could be a great tool to assess sensitive areas in our area. Could be used as part of the EnCB property evaluation process.

Motion to close the meeting made by Mike M. second by Joe. Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.