Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board April 19, 2017 Community Center 7:30pm

Participants: Mike Domitrovits, Andy Ashton, Laura De Ney, Ingrid Haeckel, Joe Bergstein, Mike Merriman, Noel Russ, Jim Littlefoot, Susan Wile, Daniel Torres

Public Comment: none

MISCELLANEOUS:

* EnCB to attend the Planning Board meeting April 24th where Habitat Assessment will be the priority.
* Regarding who attends meetings, the official back up will be the one next in line to attend the next meeting. If the back up can’t make it, we are responsible for finding a replacement.
* Motion made to approve minutes: Five votes to approve with two abstentions.
* Code book should be brought to every meeting as a reference. Laura picked up many updates from town hall.
* TALLIAFERRO SUBDIVISION: Revised subdivision for Talliaferro presented with a culvert added to plans. Request made for conditional final subdivision approval. Revisions made to EAF. SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan), revised as requested. Erosion and sediment control plan added to plan. Is there a limit to the length of the driveway? Does anything longer than 700 feet require a variance? 200-foot setback from Wallkill is part of wetlands law. Is tree line on property line? Both flag lot parcels are on 7+ acres, and not in flood plain. EnCB to suggest one driveway as opposed to two since shared maintenance would reduce cost. Our only concerns are about the long driveway; eliminating secondary access point off Plains Rd. will limit egress.
* GOPAL FARMWORKER HOUSING: Construction project for on-site workers is in 100-year flood plain with no evidence of septic or water. Construction is only two feet above base flood elevation, though flood plain does not prohibit new construction. We are concerned about safety with doubts that flood insurance will be purchased.
* APRIL 24 PLANNING BOARD AGENDA: Last year, EnCB was asked to get comments to Planning Board in a timely manner, which we have been doing. Habitat Assessment is the priority for the meeting. They want a checklist for the habitat assessment. Noel will make copies and collate sets for meeting. Suggest Planning Board to hold pre-application meetings with applicants as a way of bringing up concerns before formal submission. Anything that might trigger SEQRA (State environment Quality Review act). We want them to do assessment *before* SEQRA. We will make a recommendation.

* TREE REMOVAL PSA: Joe added bullets, a graphic and a link to the application. Laura added a minor edit. Perhaps send certified letter to all tree cutting companies. Joe will revise again and share with Mike Merriman and then send out. Laura makes motion that Joe’s PSA be approved with minor revisions as discussed. Ingrid seconds the motion, with seven ayes.
* MORATORIUM DISCUSSION: Empire Trail passed the state budget. The governor proposed the Empire trail that cuts through New Paltz. In view of this, it is more important to code and zone correctly. Meetings are going well with concern for wetlands and water quality. There will be an interactive public workshop June 14, which hopefully all ENCB can attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.