

FINAL MINUTES

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
July 1, 2015
Community Center
7:30 pm

Participants: Joe, Rhett, Mike D., Laura, Jim. Also present is prospective member Mike M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Agenda

Public Comment: No public present.

Review/Approval of June Meeting Minutes: Laura made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jim seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning Board Projects Status:

- CVS proposal: traffic concerns; other environmental issues; local objections. Adjacent to wetlands, clearing 5 acres, adding a lot of impermeable surface. Locals actively petitioning against it. Jim: Last traffic count on N Putt Corners Rd was done years ago and should probably be done again. Laura: CVS reps said they will not do a tree inventory. Jim will ask Kelly if there are updated drawings.

Discussions:

- Letter to Editor following June 23 joint meeting with Village Environmental Policy Commission. Jim, Mike M and Joe attended. Issues of shared concern were discussed and there was a RUPCO presentation on the NYSERDA program for homeowners, which fits in well with the New Paltz 10% Challenge. The issue of food waste came up and it was proposed to write a letter to the New Paltz Times about food waste reduction.

Mike made a motion, seconded by Jim, to send the letter as written to the NP Times with Rhett signing as Chair for EnCB. All in favor.

Joe: Joe Dolan's PIGLETS class at the high school got local restaurants to donate food to Family of New Paltz on an ongoing basis. Perhaps EnCB could be involved in setting up a similarly worthwhile environmental project for the students who will be taking PIGLETS next year.

- MS4 designation coordination – any progress? (Joe) We have not heard back regarding letter we sent to Town Board on where we stand on compliance. Mike D. is emailing Jeff Logan to request approval to have Dave Clouser attend an EnCB meeting.
- Grant writer: No response from Town Board to our suggestion for a shared grant writer.

- New member application status: Mike M. will get in touch with Carol Connolly to get on the Town Board's agenda for an interview as the next step in the process.

New Business

- Proposed No-Idling law – Laura will draft a letter to the Town Board.
- Joe brought up a 9-acre property on Springtown Rd. that is in foreclosure and was apparently abandoned due to lack of water. Can such properties be moved toward open space preservation?

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Laura. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.