

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
February 6, 2013
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Participants: Rhett Weires, John House Wilson, Mike Domotrovits, Jim Littlefoot, Libby Murphy, Norman Turner. Kevin Barry, Town Board liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

Agenda:

Public comment: No public present

Review/Approval of January minutes: Norman made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded by John. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

New Member Status: Daniel Torres's application is still pending.

The Annual Ethics Disclosure forms were distributed to members by Rhett.

Planning Board Projects Status:

- Wilmorite/Park Point: Public comment is now closed. The letter drafted by John stating EnCB's concerns with the requested variances was gone over. Kevin said the Town Board sent a letter regarding the easement. He asked what EnCB's argument would be with a 5 ft variance. John wondered what benefit it is to the community to approve every variance. Viewshed is a significant environmental issue. Norman asked why is the town supporting the project at all? Kevin responded that the town wants to supplement the college's efforts to become better as it will bring positive things to the town to be competitive. The housing need is there and it depends how they meet that need. As a community we need to invest in a sewage treatment plant to attract revenue to our community. Norman made a motion to approve the letter. Jim seconded. All in favor.
- Planning board liaison: Mike will prepare a schedule for members to sign up to attend specific meeting dates. to fill in. Jim suggested we get the agenda first. John will attend on Feb 19th if the agenda looks appropriate.
- Gasland Holdings submission of Title Sheet and SD3 Stormwater Details/Driveway sight distances: Looking over the 70 pages for stormwater details, but they are not specific and don't

seem to have a plan. It is already an eyesore. Norman will talk to Dave Clouser about it. Jim will take the drawing home and report back; he sees already that the plantings are inadequate.

- Revised Ultraseal application – Parking Lot Modification/tree removal? They are adding a solarium, now they are just reconfiguring the parking area.

Discussions:

- New Paltz is now designated as an MS4, meaning we now must comply with federal water pollution regulations and draft or adopt a local stormwater ordinance. The town has been anticipating this for several years. The EPA homepage has links for information about storm water phase II.
- Ulster County Environmental Management Council Meeting Report (Jim): Dennis Doyle of the county Planning Board went through a list of what the county is doing. Doyle suggests getting involved with each town's Planning Board. There were 10 towns there from the county. Jim brought up Park Pointe to him when he was in New Paltz; he said he never got any letters or anything forwarded to him from the towns' planning boards. Does the PB have an obligation to send these to the county? Something to bring up to the PB. Jim also said they are making a disc about fracking with information from NOAA, highway depts, Hudson River GIS database etc. for all potential impacts.

New Business: None

The motion to adjourn was made by Norman and seconded by Mike. Unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.