

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
July 3, 2013
Town Hall
7:30 pm

Participants: Norman Turner, Mike Domitrovits, Libby Murphy, John House Wilson, Rhett Weires.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm.

Agenda:

Public Comment – no public present.

Review/Approval of April Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the April meeting minutes was made by Mike and seconded by Libby. Unanimously passed.

New Members: Rachel Lagodka is present and still awaiting final word from the Town Board regarding her application. Scott Cuppett, previous board member, and Kim Cuppett are possibilities.

Planning Board Projects Status:

- Wilmorite / Park Point: Review and Comment. Norman has drafted a letter. Although Wilmorite's response has not been reviewed in its entirety, it is important to get at least some initial comments to the Town Board. They are responding to the public's and our comments and concerns, but their responses are very difficult to deal with: voluminous, detailed and mind-boggling. Norman feels it is designed to overwhelm the town with their expertise and documentation. He assumed Wilmorite had the wherewithal to find out about the wetlands law. They think it is not adopted. They have retained Spider Barbour, the town wetlands inspector, as a consultant and cite him in their responses in defense of the project. Norm emailed Spider to find out more since that seems strange. They claim there will be no warm water runoff. There won't be any "vernal pools." It is discouraging because we could We could cite definition of quality vernal pools and endlessly research them but the Planning Board and Town Board won't care.

Rachel: Al Wegener was hired to design vegetation to prevent runoff at Woodland Pond. He made a detailed project but it was not carried out correctly and they would not allow Al back on the property to inspect. Completely unenforceable. We need to find way to ensure oversight at these sites. Dave Clouse, the Town engineer, has the authority to do so but he must be informed of the issue. Mike said we should at least be able to review a log book of progress photos that are required.

Norman was struck by their building standard comments. They indicate that BRGS is equivalent to LEED standard but reproduce a report that compares the two and the report itself says LEED certification and enforcement is much stricter. They are required to build to silver LEED standard, yet here we are at FEIS stage and no one has yet told them they have to. We asked the Town to retain a specialist at their expense and they did not. It is important that John go to the Planning Board meeting and ask why a consultant was not retained to address the issue of remediation of pesticides.

These are our initial concerns, but not an exclusive or complete list:

- LEED certification
 - Consultant hired
 - Wetlands construction of vernal pools
 - Pesticide remediation
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- EnCB Planning Board Meeting Liaison report: John will email Lagusta and attend the next meeting, and also send Lagusta Norman's comments for review.

Discussions:

- Ulster County Environmental Management Council Meeting Report (Jim): Jim is not present.
- Website update relative to EnCB: Mike is going to follow up getting wifi access and push for Town website to be completed.

New Business: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rhett and seconded by Mike. Unanimously passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.