

## FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Town of New Paltz  
Environmental Conservation Board  
June 4, 2014  
Community Center  
7:30 pm

Participants: Jim, Rhett, Libby, Mike, Laura, Norman

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

### Agenda

Public Comment: None

Review/Approval of May Meeting Minutes: Mike made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Laura seconded. All in favor with one abstention (Norman).

### Planning Board Projects Status:

- Diamond Car Wash 526 Main St (Rte 299) – Site Plan Amendment. Owner wants to add 3 more bays or change existing hand-wash bay to a 2<sup>nd</sup> automatic bay and convert another storage bay into 2 dog-washing bays. Jim thinks water goes under S Ohioville Rd to town septic on N Ohioville Rd. Laura asked if this would add more water? They use existing private well. Not expected to affect amount or quality, will use existing conveyance. No change of footprint. No EnCB comment.
- Mohonk Preserve Testimonial Gatehouse/Foothills Project. 300 plus acres NW of Butternut Rd. Drawings were viewed. They plan to add one new entrance on Route 299, a 123-car parking lot, and restroom – is it compostable? Norman is concerned and perplexed that there is nothing about the wetlands law in the documents. Wetlands that are mapped need to be delineated by our wetlands inspector. Need 50 foot buffers. There will be elevated walkways over Humppa marsh. How will that affect the wildlife? They reserve the possibility of using pesticides. That may be for invasive plants or insects. We will reserve comments for the time being and start with a letter to be drafted by Norman about mention of wetlands law, and ask if there has been site inspection by our wetlands inspector. Mike wants more details about the type of restroom facilities planned.
- Wildberry Lodge Long Form EAF (EnCB response vis collaboration?) Mike accessed John's bullet-point list google doc as well as the letter drafted by Tod online. Laura: Maybe drop traffic concerns as a main focus point because the town seems to be all over that already. We will focus on impervious surfaces and water issues. Laura will edit Tod's draft. Libby: maybe can get information from Williams Lake project that we can apply to Wildberry. Laura will ask a friend who is involved.
- LP Builders 2-Lot Subdivision at 105 Rte 208 - Across from Hawk Drive. Norman: they are in the process of amending their application, we will look at it when that is done.

- “Looking Good” Special Use Application: No comment from EnCB.
- EnCB liaison report of Planning Board meeting: Tod is moving and is no longer on our board. Libby will attend the next meeting and Laura may go as well.

#### Discussion:

- Ulster County Environmental Management Council Meeting Report/June 9 Seminar. Jim gave copies of grants to the Highway Dept and Supervisor Zimet. Grant did not come through for testing tributaries of the Wallkill River for pharmaceuticals. Norman: A high school student took some samples and found trace tetracyclines. There is probably a lot more. June 9 seminar is at SUNY Ulster.
- Joe's email; Letter and presentation to Town Board; Trees for Tribs project. Joe not present. It is a big project, lots of time and labor involved in figuring out where to plant them. getting landowner permission, organizing volunteers, tools etc. It was decided to table the discussion.
- Rupco Green Jobs, Green New York – Update/information from Dan Torres. Dan not present.

#### New Business

Libby brought up that drilling is being done on Plains Rd in preparation for looking for water for NYC aquifer. Residents are experiencing water turning sulfurous or brown or no water. Rhett thinks it is unlikely to be due to the drilling.

Libby just graduated and did her master thesis on cost benefit analysis of permeable pavement. She would like to turn it into a presentation to municipalities as there is a significant pollution removal benefit.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhett seconded it. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.