

Town of New Paltz  
Environmental Conservation Board  
November 13, 2013  
New Paltz Town Hall  
7:30 pm

Participants: Jim Littlefoot, Mike Domitrovits, Rhett Weires, Libby Murphy, Laura Deney, John House Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

### **Agenda**

Public Comment: None.

Review/Approval of October Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Mike to approve the October meeting minutes. Seconded by Laura. All in favor. 5-0-1

Welcome to new member: Todd Westlake might show up tonight? TBD  
Rumor has it that he likes a good craft brew. Local journalist and is a nice guy, despite this fact.

Members who have not sworn in should arrange to see Rosanna and do so.

Financial Disclosure Forms/Membership Form Update (Rhett): If you are still outstanding and have not submitted one yet needs to do so. Rhett to check Mike's, signed last meeting.

### Planning Board Projects Status:

- Trans Hudson Mgmt. Corp application for Route 299 & N Putt Corners Rd proposed CVS pharmacy and gas station: Libby's letter was reviewed and commented on. Jim had a discussion with the building inspector to discuss above ground tanks. We would need to write a letter to the town board requesting that they drafted a law so that only above ground tanks would be allowed for new gas stations. Old ones could be grandfathered in. Mike will draft a letter to the town for this proposed law. To the extent that we can reduce the amount of disturbed land, that would be great. Storm water drainage is of primary concern. Traffic flow is also a concern but not sure if it's the EnCB responsibility. We should look into MS4 and the town code to see what the ratio or pervious to impervious on developed land? Jim wants his four copies of the MS4 maps from Libby. She agreed to make them for Jim. Mike makes a motion to submit the letter as it is written with the correction to Spyder's name. Discussion: Rhett thinks getting it in early is important. Jim thinks the letter should be corrected and add anything else we wanted to include in one letter rather than piecemealing. All in favor? Motion was carried 4-1, Littlefoot opposed, with John abstaining.

- EnCB liaison report of PB mtg (John): Planning board had a discussion about Park Point relating to the EnCB submitted letter. Seems like the Planning Board doesn't really want the EnCB to comment on any letters submitted during a PB meeting. Not sure if this is a Planning Board preference to keep things moving or if there are other reasons.

### Discussions

- Ulster County Environmental Management Council: Jim went to the last meeting. An effort is being made to apply for as many grants as possible for the towns within Ulster County. Mike will add Hudson Estuary Resiliency Project link to the EnCB website. Chris White, director of the rail trial, suggested expanding a rail trail from Wallkill to Big Indian. 845-340-3338 for info.
- Park Point: John; the 100 foot buffer is a town law and the plans should not violate this, as stated by the town lawyer. Sounds like we should write a letter to the Planning Board emphasizing enforcing the law. There was a lot of discussion on pesticides. Libby will investigate to see if there are any pesticide restrictions in the MS4. Some discussion on further development, after "phase 1" of the project is complete. Nothing official. Arsenic remediation discussion. The next meeting for this project is on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Need to look into what the ZBA vote on the variances was. Also need to understand the water district requirements are for this project.
- MS4 update (Libby): It includes both Park Point and CVS/gas station. Mike will update EnCB website with MS4 information. Ask Clouser if I can get information to post onto the web page.

### New Business:

- New laptop – Mike still waiting on funding approval for a new laptop.
- Climate Smart Community has a certification process now. New Paltz is a climate smart community. Town is looking for certification. The EnCB will propose a subcommittee to make this happen. Libby will request Daniel Torres' participation on the committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Jim. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.