

Town of New Paltz
Environmental Conservation Board
November 4, 2015
Community Center
7:30 pm

Participants: Rhett Weires, Laura Deney, Mike Domitrovits, Joe Bergstein, Mike Merriman. Also present are Dan Torres of the Town Board, and Ingrid Haeckel, prospective member.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m.

Public Comment: No public present.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Tabled until next meeting as the minutes were sent out too late.

Norman's Tree Planting: donations/final cost/watering (how are we doing?) Jim has been watering. Dan offered to take a turn.

Planning Board Projects Status:

- 46 DuBois Road – No response yet to our comments to the Planning Board..
- 10 Joalyn Road – Application for tree removal (maple in front yard behind mailbox). Laura made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mike D. Motion passed with all in favor (5-0).
- 246 Main Street (Cherry Hill Plaza) Cellco (d/b/a Verizon) Wireless Facility – Antenna/mini-tower on top of existing building. Mike will take a look at application. Comments will be forthcoming.

CVS: Town Board Liaison Dan Torres indicated that the Town Board intends to respond to the EnCB's latest letter regarding the CVS application. He has requested that they send their response to us so we can respond back before their next meeting

Discussions:

- Ulster County EMC Meeting Report (Jim): Jim not present.
- Flood Plain Law proposed Amendments (Mike M & Libby): Mike M: At public hearing, some residents were upset that over 50% damage of any origin, not just flooding, can affect whether a home can be rebuilt in the flood zone. Mike agrees this seems extreme. They also are not happy

with a clause about height of driveway requirements for vehicular access. Some feel it is a Town Board conspiracy against their neighborhood. Law was not meant to be punitive to existing homeowners. Mike and Libby will circulate their comments for review.

New Member: Ingrid is not yet a member.

New Business

- MS4 Compliance (Joe): Amanda LaValle will lead MS4 training program. Stacy Delarede, Chris Marks, DEP, EnCB all to be involved. Hopefully before the snow comes. However, we are very much behind schedule on other MS4 requirements.
- Suggested amendment to code regarding porous pavement: Joe asked other members to review the email he sent. Currently the code states that “all parking areas shall be paved with an allweather substance,” which does not address runoff issues. Propose to amend to “permeable materials should be used preferentially unless unsuitable” rather than the other way around.
- Joe will send a link to Stormwater calculator tool. Good tool for us to use in our reviews.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike D. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.