

TOW Conservation Commission

Meeting Notes

Meeting of 11/27/06

Begin

7:35 pm

Attending

- Salvatore LaBruna
- Patricia Owen
- Jon Paul Heurich – Not Attending
- Kevin Sumner
- Mike Leary
- Kate Fox

Review of Previous Meeting Notes

- Meeting notes from the previous meetings was reviewed. Nominated for approval by Kate. Seconded by Sal.

Official Business

Lands of Berman (continued discussion with Pat Owens from the last meeting)

- Pat claims that are problems with the culvert from the (or near the) landfill overflowing onto adjacent property.
 - There may be a letter sent by a citizen to the planning board addressing this problem already.
 - We will check to see if a letter was sent and if the matter is being pursued.
- Pat has a map that shows that the town is supposed to test the wells of property owners near the landfill.
 - The map is labeled “Wallkill Landfill Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study” published by William P Cosulich (sp?) Associates, P.C.
 - Has the town ever tested the wells near the landfill?
 - We will request a copy of information about the study and whether all the terms of the remediation has been complied with.
- From the previous meeting, Pat had an old “bad soils” map that showed the Berman property has having poor drainage.
 - Kevin checked the current soil maps.
 - The area has good soils for a septic system.
- Pat suggests that the town should test the stream on the edge of the property (because it originates in the landfill) prior to issuing a permit.
 - Some disagreement over how to address as we don’t really know the source of the stream and/or whether that information would be pertinent to the permit for the property.
 - The decision is made to investigate the landfill issues in general, but not to tie the landfill issues to this plan.
 - Update from after the meeting. Kevin checked the maps and it appears that the stream does not originate from the landfill. It does join a stream that originates from the landfill, but that is downstream of this property.

Goshen Greens a.k.a. Parkside (44-1-42.2)

- Reviewed a draft letter to the planning board complementing the additional effort the engineer (John Queenan of Lanc & Tully) has expended to create a plan that goes beyond the minimum required to make the site environmentally sustainable.

Walkability Study

- In Rockland County (and probably other places), if sidewalks are not appropriate for the site and/or already exist, then the applicant is required to install sidewalks in another area to extend the sidewalk network.
 - We will likely include a similar suggestion in our study report.
- Circleville is an area of special concern.
 - There is a new ice cream stand being constructed across 302 from the park, but there are no sidewalks and/or crosswalks to allow children to safely go from the park to the ice cream stand.

Walkkill River Watershed Conservation and Management Plan

- See the website www.ocsoil.org for information on this program.
- Kevin will be generating an executive summary.

Outdoor wood fired heating systems

- There is one being operated in Circleville near the intersection of 302 and Goshen turnpike that creates a large quantity of smoke and soot.
 - The smoke sometimes effects visibility on the local roads.
 - Are there any regulations on these devices?
 - Some members have heard an NPR report that some communities in MA (and possibly other places) regulate them.
 - We will investigate whether there are any EPA regulations on these devices.

Future Projects

- Tree cover – Mike will investigate / spearhead.
 - Initial research has been completed and presented.
 - This project will be rejoined once some other already in progress and/or higher priority projects are better under control.
- Sidewalks – Sal will investigate / spearhead.
- Reduction of pollutants in storm water runoffs
- Pace on-line course for land use. Everyone should complete.

Adjourned

Motion to adjourn by Mike. Seconded by Pat. 9:05.

Copies:

- Mike – 7 copies of a 2 page meeting notes.
- Sal – 7 copies of 2 page agenda.