

**Andover Township
Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall
Thursday, December 1, 2016
7:30pm**

Roll Call

In Attendance: Dolores Blackburn, Christine Kretzmer, David Kolstad, Carla Kostelnik, Peter Spinney & Eric Olsen

Flag salute

Adoption of Agenda

Dolores motioned, Eric seconded and approved as is.

Approval of minutes

*October 6th Minutes: Peter motioned, Carla seconded and approved as amended.
Dolores abstained due to absence.*

November 3rd Minutes: Carla motioned, Christine seconded and approved as amended.

Open to the Public

No public

Old business:

135 Newton Sparta Road

Dr. Galeos, Managing Partner in the ownership of the property, came to the Environmental Commission to discuss environmentally friendly ways to pave the back lot of the property. According to the NJDEP the 150' buffer runs right through the middle of the back lot. He has employed Cariaga Engineering out of Budd Lake to do the design once it is approved. Currently, it is under review by the NJDEP. Peter suggested that the NJDEP would be much more interested in a pervious surface. Eric suggested that this would be a good project to get Chris Obrupta interested in as he is looking for projects like this to model for development.

Action: *Eric will coordinate with his connections to have Chris Obrupta come out and assess. David will contact Dr. Galeos to coordinate future action.*

Old Creamery Properties Update

Discussion was made regarding the location of the mine on the OCP. Peter said that there was a railroad that went all the way into the mine. Christine mentioned that the mine was just off of Limecrest, in and all the way around to

the right. Eric said it was about a ten minute walk in. Peter asked is anyone was encouraged by Levine to dump at the Hemlock Landfill. Christine responded that no one she spoke with knew of Levine encouraging anyone. Peter asked Dolores if she has discussed this subject with others on the Township Committee. She said that main issue is reconciling the DEP lien. She continued to say if we could find a way to deal with that then the others are very supportive. We've been down this road before but that a fresh eye could offer solutions. Peter mentioned that it might take a year or more to find a solution.

Action: *Eric will schedule a TPL call.*

Township Trail Map

At the last meeting the Township Trail Map was refocused to do a test project and focus, as a first step, making a map for the Lake Iliff Trail. That discussion continued...Christine mentioned that the stop for the train was a depot and not a train station. It was set up for the farmers to load goods. Peter added to get on the train with milk cans. Christine said that Rob Nicholson knows all about the trains of Sussex County. Peter mentioned that the depot could be the focus of the Lake Iliff Trail Map. He also said that the railroad was a real focus and that maybe we could get back to that. Eric asked what was carried on the trains. Christine responded that milk and passengers were the primary cargo. Dolores agreed with Peter that making the train the focus was a good idea. Carla mentioned that the train carried ore as well. It was mentioned that we ought to identify more points of interests. Peter asked what is the breadth of the map.

Action: *Carla will call Wayne McCabe and organize a day walk for the Commissioners.*

New Business

Organization for 2017

After some discussion about the makeup of the Environmental Commission in 2017 Carla made a motion to recommend to the Township Committee and Mayor that everyone stays in the positions they are. Any members that need to be reappointed get reappointed and David Kolstad remains as Chair. Also, that the Township Committee put forward any recommendations to fill spaces on the Commission. Peter seconded. Passed by acclamation.

SCWQMPAC Report

Peter attended and said they don't do any advising, that they are a totally reactive group. They are not given a charge to do anything and everything they respond to is after the fact. He also mentioned that the Freeholders turned down a \$50,000 grant.

Land Use Board Update

Board is working on affordable housing ordinances. Some applications will be up for review soon.

Applications for development

No applications at this time.

Announcements

Adjourned 9:00pm