



Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting – January 25, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Members present were Dube, Jastrebski, Killeen, Schorr, Smith. The 2011 member list and meetings schedule was distributed to the members.
2. Marv reported that the roadside cleanup and tree give away would take place on Saturday, April 30, 2011. There will be no household hazardous waste collection this year (plans call for every other year). Marv reported on changes in town and county government: The Zoning Administrator and the Building Inspector have both been replaced by Bob Gizzi who will perform both functions. Gizzi holds the same jobs with the Town of Glenville. George Hodgson, the County Environmental Director has retired, but has been named to chair the Environmental Management Council. Joe Miranda, who has coordinated all the previous household hazardous waste collections that Charlton has participated in, has also retired from his job as the county recycling coordinator. He will continue to be available for future household hazardous waste collections and continues on the Milton Town Board.
4. The Planning Board has denied the Davidson application to subdivide the Grabo property on Crane Street which the ECC had previously reviewed and commented on. A junkyard currently exists on the property and the degree of potential contamination by hazardous materials is unknown. CT male was hired by the applicant to assess the potential hazardous material contamination. The Male report, while finding that hazardous material was present on the property, made no recommendations about what to do next.
5. Ogle (Froland Transportation) Application to expand the Special Exception permit granted in April 2010, by building a 30x40 foot garage and 50-60 foot long, 6 foot high privacy fence. The ECC is concerned about the purpose of the garage and fence, which is not stated in the application. While the height is not given, such a large garage does not appear necessary for cars, rather the concern is that it might be intended to house trucks/trailers. The discussion of the original application stated that the facility would be used strictly as a communications center for dispatching trucks, but that no trucks/trailers would be housed at the facility. A garage/fence of that size seems out of character with the neighborhood, which is mostly residential.
5. Cowley application for a Special Exception permit to board horses and add a horse arena to property on Jockey Street. –The ECC concern is that there does not appear to be a comprehensive manure management plan. Drainage flows could contaminate ponds and streams with the animal wastes if not properly directed. There is no information given about the number of horses to be housed at the facility. Questions were raised about the impact on traffic and whether the entry and exit will remain off Jockey Street. A narrative to provide details would help in the evaluation.
6. Salisbury Application for an area variance to construct a carport, porch and three season room on their House at 21 Callaghan Blvd. The only apparent environmental impacts from the proposed addition will be visual/aesthetic and should be acceptable if it is acceptable to the neighbors. Emergency vehicle access does not appear to be a problem.
7. Schmidt application to subdivide the former Goodspeed lands on Sweetman Road for three residences. A large tract of the property will be retained by the Schmidts. The ECC is concerned that the wetlands be protected during construction and that the NYS DEC wetland regulations be observed. It is not clear why there is a differentiation between the DEC jurisdictional wetland and the Army Corps of Engineers wetland since they are connected. Will the DEC regulations be adhered to for both wetlands?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

M.M. Schorr, Chairman for Robert Killeen, Secretary

cc: ECC members

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