



Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting – March 03, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Dube, Jastrebski, Killeen, Ranaletto, Schorr, Smith
 2. The minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting were accepted.
 3. Upcoming events were discussed. The roadside cleanup and tree give away are set for May 1, 2010; the household hazardous waste collection is tentatively set for August 21- participation by additional towns is still unclear. Sundae on the farm will be held in Charlton this year, at the Arnold farm.
 4. County EMC meeting – EPA and GE have issued separate reports on the first phase of dredging the Hudson River PCB hot spots. EPA appears to be claiming that although not everything went as planned, there were no obstacles uncovered that could not be fixed in phase 2. However, the GE report seems to say that there were major issues that could/should delay or cancel phase 2. These issues included the finding of much higher concentrations of PCBs in the river bed and much deeper PCBs, both of which resulted in more PCB carryover to downstream. A new peer review committee will review the data and render its conclusions.
 5. The impacts of wetland areas on buildable sites in subdivision applications were again discussed. The ECC feels strongly that clustering should not be considered in areas where there are both wetlands and municipal water, as is the case in the Heflin-Durst subdivision on Swaggertown Road. The Planning Board was reminded of the ECC position on this subject by again sending the September 2005 ECC letter commenting on the
4. Update on ZBA and Planning Board applications.
- Palma application on Rt 67 has been denied.
- Jacobs application – needs to provide much more detail.
- LaFountain application – The Planning Board wants the applicant to provide a cluster design for comparison.
- Heflin/Durst – The ECC is on record as opposing a cluster design on this property. It was carried over to next month's Planning Board meeting.
- Stack application for a lot line deed change to split off 3 acres with a house and structures from a 35 acre tree farm property to enhance an agriculture tax exemption. It was approved.
5. The roadside cleanup and tree give away will take place on May 1, 2010. After much discussion, including a phone discussion with Teddi Smith about the decision on which trees and shrubs to purchase, the ECC decided that the following trees and shrubs will be purchased: 50 each of Colorado Blue Spruce, Sugar Maple, American Mountain Ash, White Flowering Dogwood, Common Lilac and High Bush Cranberry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

M.M. Schorr, Chairman

cc: ECC members

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