



Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting – April 27, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Members present were Dube, Jastrebski, Killeen (late), Schorr, Smith.
2. The minutes of the March 30, 2010 meeting were accepted.
3. The household hazardous waste collection is now definitely set for Saturday, August 21. Other towns participating are Corinth, Galway, Greenfield, Milton and Providence.
4. The Planning Board turned down the Jacobs application and reviewed the Charlton Tavern application for its parking lot. The ZBA will hold a hearing on the new parking lot application which now calls for more parking spaces. The ECC will review the application.
5. The Planning Board reviewed the plans for the new District 1 firehouse. The fire department declared itself the lead agency for the SEQRA review. The ECC will review the application.
6. Tree give away on May 1: We will allow 5 trees per family with no more than three of one kind. People may go to back of the line and get more trees if there are any left.
7. Outdoor wood boilers – the state has proposed regulations that appear to be similar to the ECC proposal to the Charlton Town Board. The boilers would not be allowed to be used in the summer and a neighbor could force the unit's elimination if the neighbor's smoke alarm is set off. Units installed before 2005 must be replaced by 2015, units installed after 2005 until 2010 must be replaced by 2020. New units will be much cleaner.
8. Review of Planning Board and ZBA applications:

Tavern parking lot increased number of spaces – No comments from an environmental standpoint.

Charlton Fire District #1 Firehouse – There is 10.3 acres of wetland so it comes under the ACOE not the NYS DEC jurisdiction. Fill and grade along the wetland is a concern. An open retention pond is used for storm-water management. The neighbor's well may be too close to the proposed location of the firehouse septic system, which could get intense use when the 40 member firehouse crew meets. Drainage maybe an issue

DeYoe Breezeway application – The owner wants to connect the existing house to the existing garage with a breezeway. The required setback is different for an attached garage vs. an unattached and is not met if a breezeway is added. There appear to be no environmental concerns.

Fitzgerald Garage application – the proposed garage design is too high per zoning. The ECC feels that if neighbors do not object to the visual impact it is not an environmental concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

cc: ECC members

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