



Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Charlton Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting – October 27, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm. Members present were Dube, Jastrebski, Killeen, Ranaletto, Schorr, and Smith.
2. Marv noted that the Planning Board has embraced the ECC recommendations regarding the treatment of wetlands. All wetlands, including DEC and ACOE, will be treated the same with respect to buffer distances.
3. Marv mentioned that the Town Board has designated the old Town Hall as the Charlton Community Center and said that all Town organizations may use the Center with the Charlton Seniors having priority of usage. The Charlton Seniors recently held a “Meet the candidates” panel there. The Town’s 2010 budget has money for the roadside cleanup, the bulk item pickup and the household hazardous waste collection. It was noted that outdoor burning of trash and paper is being drastically curtailed by the DEC, but outdoor furnaces, if allowed by local zoning, are still OK.
4. A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Nov. 9th on whether to continue with three elected assessors or change to a single appointed assessor. Also, on Nov. 12th the County Clerk will hold a demonstration in the Town Hall on how historic documents are stored.
5. Marv pointed out that most of the Town committees have been very quiet this year since there has been very little development occurring due to the poor economy. The Zoning Ordinance review Committee, which is revising the ordinance to bring it into compliance with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, is now incorporating the appropriate strategies of the recently adopted Town Farmland Protection Plan. Doug noted that he can see that many farms have closed down since they stopped buying fuel from Agway.
6. County Water Quality Committee - Teddi spoke about a book about local lakes and ponds – Diet for a Small Lake. The members thought that it would be a good reference for the ECC.
7. A proposed Root Road subdivision (Muscannell) was reviewed for the planning Board. There is not enough detail on the drawings and the area is extremely wet. More detailed plans are need showing among other things, the location of the septic system and delineation of the wetlands. Bob volunteered to physically look at the site and report back to the ECC. (This was done and it was noted that a gravel driveway already exists there without a permit and the road is partly under water.) Marv will write a letter to the Planning Board with ECC comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

M.M. Schorr, Chairman

cc: ECC members

D. Salisbury, Town Board liaison