

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2012

Attendance: B. Albergo, J. Bay, A. Rankin, M. Gossett, K. Sheikh, M. Vyff

Members of Public: None

Meeting Minutes: June 13 minutes were distributed but not approved. There was no meeting in July.

EC Project Updates

Wellhead Protection Ordinance Update

We re-capped June's meeting and restated the goal: to amend current aquifer protection ordinances to expand protection to the actual well head site versus the aquifer alone. Bill reported that the MCPRIMA site will give you the tiers but not the addresses affected. It is desirable to have the actual addresses so Council can see how many households would be affected.

Next steps:

- a.) Choose best tier 1 and tier 2 definition (confusion between Highlands and DEP definitions). "Best" is defined as that which is most scientifically defensible. Jackie to call the Highlands Coalition, Margaret to call Passiac River Coalition and the town of Parsippany, Khizar to call ANJEC.
- b.) Determine addresses within tiers: Once tiers defined, Jackie to contact MCPRIMA to see if they can provide the addresses; if not then Bill to work with tax assessor in town.
- c.) Bill to make draft powerpoint for use with Planning Board (objective: get buy in prior to going before Council).
- d.) John to determine which meeting for the presentation.

MCPRIMA Update

Jackie spoke with Janice Peal from Morris County regarding the status of our GIS maps hosted on their site through our NRI. She explained that everything was status quo even though we had outlasted our initial one year agreement. The County has no plans to take our site down and are now involved in a move away from Adobe flash to Java/HMTL 5. Janice's contact info is 973 829 8128 and she also gave me her manager's name and contact info: Steven Rice, GIS Manager, 973 829 8142. It was suggested that we get written confirmation that they will continue to host our site for free.

Municipal Solid Waste Committee Update

Bill explained that the RFP was done and was going out to about 10 vendors. Curbside bulk pick up will be priced, mostly for comparison sake to back door pick up. He reported that by the end of October/early November a vendor should be hired.

JCP&L Update

We recapped June's meeting and restated the goal: Re-establish a good working relationship with JCP&L in which we will collaboratively decide where and how to prune trees. Given that the utility only prunes along transmission lines every 4 years, we talked about establishing a paper trail of bad behavior for use in any upcoming meetings.

Next Steps:

- a.) Marnie agreed to get in writing any resident complaints that STC has received over the recent cuttings. Any list should be passed by Brian Marshall to see if he has any complaints to add.
- b.) Brian Marshall to document the siting of the endangered wood turtle; form was emailed to him.

c.) When above is completed, EC to pull together a meeting with STC, DPW and Borough Hall to come up with a plan of action for working better with JCP&L.

Sustainable Jersey Update

Marnie reported that she put in for a \$2000 grant to fund speakers and movies for community events. She has a list of 50 movies. She should know in September if she has received the grant. The group talked about the possibility of combining a community new recycling 101 + wellhead protection update + environmental movie into one big community kick off event.

Committee and Commission Liaison Updates

Lakes Committee: Allison reported that the lake levels are acceptable and that we are not getting a FEMA grant to clean the canal. Dam improvements are scheduled for late autumn. From an invasive standpoint, water primrose is a problem in the canal and that residents are complaining about dog waste. It seems that we need better enforcement of our ordinances.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 7:30pm