

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes February 6, 2013

Attendees: B. Albergo, J. Bay, M. Gossett, M. Vyff, K. Sheikh, J. Horan, T. Terhune, F. Borin

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for Sept and Dec 2012 were approved.

Public Comment: None

EC Projects

Wellhead Protection: The Commission brought our new Council liaison, Frank Borin, up to speed on the proposed new ordinance around wellhead protection. Frank briefly reviewed the document and stated that "this ordinance doesn't stop development, it stops bad development that we wouldn't want anyway." The next steps were for Frank, an environmental attorney, to review the draft in detail and to schedule an upcoming Council meeting in which to present the ordinance as a way to extend our current water protection to include two hazardous sites on Route 46 (Citco and Hess gas stations) that currently fall outside legal water protections.

Sustainable Jersey: Marnie updated the group on Green Reels, the environmental movie/speaker community events that she organizes. Jackie promised to follow up with Sustainable Jersey to determine when our current certification expires and to better understand if we can get points a second time for ongoing actions. It was suggested that perhaps Leigh Apel and Renee Tarino would submit for points behind their successful overhaul of Wildwood's lunch menu.

Waterview Development: The group talked about the possibility that passing a zoning change at the request of a developer to treat the 27 acre parcel differently than the remaining 130 acre Waterview POD zoned tract could be construed as spot zoning in a court of law.

Other Business

2013 Goals: The group discussed the following for goals for the new year:

1. Recommend new wellhead protection ordinance to Council.
2. Put together a new Green team and a plan to at least achieve another Bronze level certification
3. Work with the Parsippany Citizen's group to oppose the current development plan based upon the reduction of the buffer, access to Intervale Road and potential harm to the aquifer.
4. Continue recycling education and behavior change efforts with Borough Hall and the schools.
5. Investigate the status of the King of Kings property and advocate that it be preserved as open space.
6. Monitor contaminated sites on Route 46
7. Continue to educate the community via public relations, attending community events and sponsoring events such as Green Reels.
8. Continue to build bridges to community committees, commissions and organizations.