

Gardiner Environmental Conservation Commission

Gardiner ECC Regular Meeting

Agenda 12.21.16

Present: Eric Savelson-Chair, John Sansalone, Roberta Clements, Rick Irizarry, Tanya Marquette, Bruna Rondinelli

Call to order at 5:38

1. Approval of Nov. Minutes (Attached) Rick Irizarry motion to approve minutes of 11/29/2016, seconded by Tanya Marquette, discussion: none, approved unanimously
 2. *Guest: Walkkill River Watershed Alliance*; Jason West, Jason West unable to attend, rescheduled for January 2017. Chair will forward e-mail information to the member of the ECC for their review.
 3. Solar Facility Moratorium Report (Roberta Clements) The Solar Farm Law was sent to the towns attorneys for review and there will likely be one more joint review before returning to the town board for review. The ECC will have opportunity to review the draft law prior to or in conjunction with the public hearing.
 4. WRPA Subcommittee report – John Sansalone, no new information.
 5. Liaison reports:
 - TB Liaison (Bruna Rondinelli) Attended TB meeting 12/13/2016, nothing to report
 - EMC Report (John Sansalone) Grants available to towns for green programs, electric vehicle charging stations, joint municipal electricity purchase.
 - PB liaison report (Roberta Clements/Bruna Rondinelli)
 - Application review updates:
 - Shaft Road LLC Subdivision: New developments, Developer met with DEC and indicated that 3 stream crossings should not be problematic, will use 100 foot buffer around the designated wetland area, Question about the legitimacy of the proposed “easement” should be investigated.
 - Sheldon Road: New developments. Application Approved, town hall.
- Special Overlay Ridge Zoning was passed by TB in 2006 (February) (TB minutes)
How should ECC proceed considering this potential procedural error in zoning?
Discuss and revise comments to PB.

How can we avoid this type of occurrence in the future- applicants violating site plans and causing environmental disturbance?

6. Discussion: Goal for 2017 for ECC (see Town Code excerpt below or check on website Chap 16 Sec.5)
 - Aquifer Overlay Law

-Update NRI

7. New items;

Library for ECC, need to review documents in the basement of Town Hall and begin to establish the ECC library at the town library, the ECC computer is located in the Town Hall and needs to be updated and shared with other town offices use. The ECC needs a central office or desk space in the Town Hall. Rick Irizarry will begin the process to inventory the ECC documents at Town Hall. There are detailed maps that may be helpful with updating the Natural Resources Inventory.

Motion to adjourn; E. Savelson 7:35 pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30