

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 1, 2009 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 8:20 pm on Tuesday August 4, 2009 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, R. Barrett, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, F. Esposito, S. Hoag, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger & High School student member Julie Messing

CTEC'S PURPOSE: to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2009 was posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building, mentioned on the Township web site, and published in the newspapers Chatham Courier and Daily Record. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

New student CTEC member - Julie Messing, Chatham High School Student, this years HS's Enviro Club's President. Julie has also volunteered at some electronic recycling events and did Re Use Projects, and other projects in the past.

MINUTES

P. Collington motioned to approve the EC minutes from August 4, 2009, S. Hoag 2nd with all in favor.

REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2009 AND JANUARY 2010

Every first Tuesday: Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 in 2009, and Jan 5, 2010.

GRANTS

- The Chatham Jaycees awarded \$750 to CTEC to replace 6 crabapple trees on the grounds of the Lafayette School. The grant was facilitated by K. Abbott in cooperation with principal Cheryl Caggiano, and Erv Hoag, Mary Olmstead, and Sharon Gill. The award ceremony was held June 10 at Charlie Brown's where P. Collington accepted the award for the EC.
- The ESRI Corporation has awarded CTEC a free copy of ArcView for 2009. ArcView is the mapping software used to create the Township GIS website and CTEC's conservation easement map. Any CTEC member is welcome to use it.

EVENTS

- Tues., Sept. 8th at 7:00 pm at the Green Village Fire House meeting room. Fetterly and Solar Cap, LLC will discuss their plans for a Solar Farm on Rolling Knolls Landfill Superfund Site. S. Carroll & S. Hoag to attend
Solar Cap will host a presentation on.
- Sat. September 12, Green Fair.
- Thurs. September 24, 3:30 pm, Lafayette Avenue School, CTEC/Green Team Community Education & Outreach's "Tree Planting Workshop & Sustainability Ceremony."
- RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER - Wed. September 30, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm, Chatham Township Municipal Building, public meetings on Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge's 15 year Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP).
- Sat. October 3, 9-noon, electronics recycling, DPW property behind police building on Southern Boulevard.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

- Open Space Committee report - Next meeting end of September. S. Hoag.
- Planning Board report - Next meeting in September. L. Caprioglio.
- EC web site - report from Website Subcommittee. Revamping EC website, all EC members reviewed & commented on draft of new web page & links within EC's homepage. Members to review and add suggestions as needed via email. <http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/index.html> F. Esposito, R. Barrett, P. Collington.
- Recycling & Reuse Subcommittee - Township recycling program of batteries and printer cartridges, biggreenbox.com, Recycling bins located within the township, flyers circulated and informational article in newspaper. S. Hoag, K. Abbott.
- Safe artificial turf at Shunpike Field. Discussion and re-educated EC members on the components of turf fields including the amount of heat generated from turf fields; K. Abbott. NJDEP has approved construction. D. Stillinger to review bid specifications for turf field before bid is advertised.
- Fertilizer on Colony Pool lawns. This location is not appropriate for a rain garden. Fertilizer should not be applied during summer months. The township is contemplating a fertilizer ordinance. K. Abbott.

- New projection screen for meeting room. Screen has been received, will request installation. R. Barrett.
- Community Garden. Township Committee will discuss this at the September 10 meeting. PSE&G may OK area near Spring St. Tom C. submitted the Community Garden grant application for Sustainable Jersey. S. Hoag, M. McDowell.
- Community Education and Outreach Committee report. Green Fair Saturday September 12 - volunteers needed for shifts at the CTEC booth. Frank, Ole, Steve, Pat, Kathy have signed up. Suggestion to using ETEC's website address on letter was discussed. School Districts of the Chatham's approved district wide recycling program. P. Collington, K. Abbott.
- CTEC's NJDEP "Gas" Grant. Pre App and documentation has been emailed to Tom Ciccarone. Project is called "Slow Your Throw". Project headed by CTEC Associate Member Jen Matthews.
- PSEG Corridor – Area completely cleaned out, possibly used some type of chemical, all vegetation gone. Approve letter to PSE&G. P. Collington motioned to approve letter, R. Barrett 2nd with all in favor. (will circulate first for email edits) K. Abbott.

APPLICATION/LOI REVIEW

- NEW. BRILL/THE FARM AT GREEN VILLAGE. 503 Green Village Road. 5-14-09. Block 48.18, Lots 140, 142, 143. Application to the Board of Adjustment for demolition and removal of an existing dilapidated shed and lean-to and replacement with a new barn, renovation and expansion of the farmhouse with a second story rear addition, construction of a new outdoor restroom facility. The business is entitled to continue and expand as a nonconforming use protected under the Right to Farm Act. Stream may need wider buffers because of new riparian ordinance, stormwater concerns, possibility of fertilizer going into stream and pond. Property drains directly into the Great Swamp. Waivers requested for EIS (should include information on quality of current surface water), 2 to 5-foot contours to determine the natural drainage of the land, soil types and height of water table, drainage calculations for drainage facilities.
- NEW. PSE&G PROPERTY ON SOUTHERN BOULEVARD. 6-4-09. Block 48.14, Lot 110. Verizon Wireless. Application to Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval and use variance for transmission equipment and shed. They plan to add equipment to the top of the transmission tower behind the gazebo and to build equipment shed at the rear of the gazebo parking area between the gazebo and the tower. The area is wet but heavily disturbed. Application for LOI, GP2 (utility crossing) & Special Activity Transition Area Waiver for Redevelopment has been submitted to the NJDEP. Possibility of requesting a vegetated retention basin behind proposed shed. O. Radaam, D. Stillinger.
- PENDING. CHATHAM DAY SCHOOL. 700 Shunpike Road. 6-26-09. Block 135, Lots 1 & 9. Application to Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval and conditional use approval for a school in a residential zone. No construction is proposed. S. Hoag, F. Esposito, D. Stillinger.

RECENT LETTERS SENT

- June 2009. Letter in support of the Garden State Preservation Trust appearing on the November ballot to legislators via e-mail and paper. E-mail to Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts, Senate President Richard Codey, Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblywoman Nellie Pou, Assemblyman Alex DeCroce and paper copies to Governor Jon Corzine, Senator Thomas H. Kean, Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick, Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz.

MAIL RECEIVED (not including applications and notices mentioned above)

- Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:50 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli, Minutes Secretary