



Township of Blairstown
Environmental Commission
106 Route 94
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Minutes: October 1, 2014

Chairman Harry Price and BEC members attended an Open Space Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. prior to our BEC meeting at 7:30 p.m. Joel McGreen discussed and presented a map illustrating areas within the township that have been preserved by Farmland Preservation and Open Space. Mr. McGreen explained the rules and regulations that pertained to each acquisition. Jones Farm's proposal was also explained and briefly discussed among members of both committees.

Open Meeting/Call to order at 19:45 p.m. by Chairman Harry Price

This meeting has been advertised in a newspaper of general circulation as to the time and place in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act"

Roll Call - Tom Dust, Barbara Green, Patricia Gunther, Robert Merrifield, Joseph Wargo, Harry Price, Chairman, Paul Avery (Twp Committee Liaison)

Excused Absence: Carolyn Fenton

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September 2014 need to be corrected. Barbara Green noted a word change from "construction" costs to "demolition" costs in the Paulina Dam Update heading. Correction will be made and corrected copies forwarded to BEC members and Phyllis E. Pizzazia, RMC Municipal Clerk

Motion: Barbara Green

Second: Robert Merrifield

Continuing Business:

Solar Project for Township: Nothing new to report.

Paulina Dam Update: Nothing new to report - awaiting word from the Township Committee on how they will proceed.

New Business:

Road Side Clean Up: The BEC tentatively agreed on Sunday, November 16th. Time from 9 am to 1 pm. Area for clean up – Along Route 94 between Lambert Road and the Knowlton border. Further discussion will take place at our next meeting in November to firm up the details.

Jones Farm/Open Space Committee: BEC members voted by verbal consent to obtain permission from the OSC for a local farmer to cut the upper field of the farm approximately 12-15 acres. This farmer, if approved, will seek a 5-year lease to grow hay and cut this hay twice a year.

Motion: Harry Price

Second: Tom Dust

Correspondence: None

Harry Price briefly discussed three articles pertaining to the EPA's private land grab; the "Myth of our ice melting to support global warming?" and what regulations the EPA is doing to protect Dupont's killer coolant.

Barbara Green gave Pat Gunther a letter from the Pequest Engineering Company dated May 6, 2014 regarding malfunctioned septic system (48 Cedarville Road, Block 901, Lot 3.04).

Public Comment: Susan Price, Township Committee, informed us that an amendment may need to be initiated with reference to the Jones Farm request which may delay the cutting and planting of hay when approved.

Adjournment: Motion made by Barbara Green; Seconded by Joseph Wargo at 20:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gunther, Secretary, BEC

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2014