

REGULAR MEETING OF WESTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES: Monday, October 15, 2007

Call to Order by Joyce Lovell, chairperson, at 7:30p.m.

SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ATTENDANCE: Joyce Lovell in the chair, Commissioners:
V. Horn, L. Sills, S. Wilson and M. Sautter are present. J. Fred Coleman and K. Hurlock are absent. There are no members of the public present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting of September 17, 2007 were read. L. Sills called for date clarification of the ANJEC pro-rated membership to read from Aug. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2007, J. Lovell requested that the names of the Public, Marie Callaghan and Chuck Robbins, be added to the list of attendees for both the Sunoco and Wheelabrator Tours. No member present could recall any statement under Public Comment regarding "Land Use Mission". It was agreed unanimously to remove the statement. Motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by S. Wilson and second by V. Horn.

A copy of the Official ANJEC Membership List of Westville Environmental Commissioners for 2007 was distributed to the Commission Members by J. Lovell, Chairperson.

DEP Hazardous Discharge Notices:

There were 0 notices of permit violations to review.

Old Business

Orientation Tour –Conducted by Chairperson J. Lovell on Saturday September 22, 2007, initiated as a walking tour through Timber Grove. Rain precluded going forward on foot. S. Wilson recounted that the car tour initiated by reviewing the drainage work along Riverside Drive. Touring included viewing tree line that borders Lake Martha. As rain increased the tour included Hazel Ave and Route 45 were flooding had been reported. No storm drains were noted in the general area of the flooding on Hazel. The street crest was noted to be high and the curbs to be low. It was also noted that the drain south of Hazel is located in a rise of the highway with little run off being channeled to it. Another drain exists almost directly across from the first drain on Route 45.

The next area of interest was on Harvard Ave. in the Industrial area. We immediately sighted two chickens and a rooster wandering in the side wooded area of the Raab Building. Pictures were taken. Broken cages with chicken carcasses inside were seen and photographed. Wanting to validate the proximity to the home of a complainant we then traveled to Walnut Street. At the end of the street we viewed an open drain pipe pouring foamy liquid into the stream. A sample of the foamy water was taken in a plastic water bottle which was open and emptied immediately prior to collection. Return to Crown Point Road via

Duncan revealed a leaf covered drain and road flooding. We stopped and removed the leaves. Time constraints ended the tour. J. Lovell and C. Robbins took the water sample from the drain pipe to Tim Leahy at the water Dept. Tim could not use the sample but went out with J. Lovell to view the drain lines. And again sampled water after rain again caused further drain to occur. The water report yielded minimal amounts of fecal material. This runoff does flow into the pond. S. Wilson will place a written request for an unannounced inspection of the Raab Building and property with Bruce Wasson (609-374-4737), Housing Inspection and Zoning Office.

Sunoco tour was postponed by Mr. Keeler, facility manager due to current ongoing remediation at the plant. The tour will be rescheduled for a time in the spring.

Stream Assessment Program proved to be beneficial. The study being carried out on a state grant is looking at the condition of banks and plant life to make assessments of remediation. The photographer for the project is Mike Hogan. Mike will be available in the beginning of November to tour and take pictures of the 5 out falls of Lake Martha. J. Lovell also brought back the forms used to document findings. S. Wilson will scan forms for future computer documentation and website use.

ANJEC Road Show will take place on Tuesday 10/17/07 7 pm to 9 pm. They have reservations for 8 attendees at the Deptford Municipal Building. Directions - Delsea Dr. to Cooper Rd. Left onto Cooper turn right into second drive way.

Air Pollution J. Lovell stated that it will be difficult to get an air monitor to validate air quality since that is a long term commitment. Requesting ambient testing is more appropriate. The best approach would be to contact Enforcement Officers to check the potential sources in the area.

Committee Assignments:

Budget Proposal – J.F. Coleman –

All members asked to prepare 2008 requirements and submit to J.F. Coleman. Estimate of \$500.00 for digital camera and additional supplies to support photography proposed for budget entry.

Computer / Web site – S. Wilson

Grants – V. Horn – S. Wilson and J. Lovell to assist

Water Quality – L. Sills -Clarify the process to report water issues so that the state actually becomes involved to evaluate water issues.

Air Quality – J. Lovell

Infrastructure / Site Planning – M. Sautter

Communications:

ANJEC confirmed Westville Environmental Commission Membership through 12/31/07.

PSE&G – Courtesy notification of modified Freshwater Wetlands General Permits #1, #2, #21.

Comments by Commissioners:

Emergency Preparedness- S. Wilson inquired about the processes in place and the city plan. She will contact Mr. Butts to determine the status of a plan.

Public Comment

No public members were present to make comment.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was proposed by V. Horn and second by S. Wilson. All members favored adjournment at 9:12 pm.

respectfully submitted by

Louanna J. Sills for J. Fred Coleman

Amendment to correct the minutes of Monday October 15, 2007

Old Business – Orientation Tour attendees were Stephanie Wilson, Katie Hurlock, Louanna Sills and Chuck Robbins. The foamy water sample taken from the drain pipe by Commission members was not a suitable sample. Tim Leahy reviewed the drain lines and went out to the site at Harvard Ave a second time after rain stopped and took a clean sample of the water.

Corrections submitted by Louanna J, Sills