

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 26, 2011**

The July 26 2011 regular meeting of the Conservation Board was called to order by Chairman Gary Meixner.

Attendance: Stephen Flynn, Shoshana Hantman, Michael La Gue,
James Moriarty, Gary Meixner

Absent: Dr. Edward Merker, John Purcell

Guests: None

Announcements:

The Town Board appointed Mr. Stephen W. Flynn, Esq. to participate as a member of the Conservation Board for a two-year term replacing Eric Evans to a term ending March 15, 2012. He was appointed at the Town Board meeting held on July 7, 2011 and the resolution is dated July 8, 2011.

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Announcements:

Board member James Moriarty informed the Board that he might have a conflict attending the meetings in the fall of 2011 due to work constraints, he would let the Board know more as he finds out what is happening.

Board member Dr. Edward Merker informed the C.B. Secretary by email that he would not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Michael La Gue and seconded by James Moriarty to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 regular meeting of the Conservation Board. All members present approved.

Board member James Moriarty amended the Conservation Board Minutes of July 12, 2011 on pages 19 and 20.

Board member Michael La Gue amended the Conservation Board Minutes of July 12, 2011 on pages 8, 12, 13, 22, 23 and memo #11-35.

Old Business:

- A)** Welcome-Conservation Board Member/Town Board appointed one new member to the Board/total of seven members according to Town Code: Chairman Gary Meixner and the Conservation Board members welcomed Mr. Stephen W. Flynn, Esq. to the meeting tonight.

Recently the C.B. had sent a memo (#11-29) to the Town Board requesting that they procure an additional member for the Conservation Board. The Board members were delighted that the Town Board appointed a new member to the Conservation Board this month.

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Old Business:

A) New C.B. member:

Chairman Meixner asked Mr. Flynn how he found out about the need for a new member on the Conservation Board.

Board member Flynn responded that he became aware of it from speaking to other volunteers that are participating on the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Discussion ensued among the Board members with reference to the new appointee. The members expressed their appreciation that the Town Board acted so quickly in replacing Board member Evans.

Chairman Meixner gave Board member Flynn a quick update on what the Board is involved in at this time. He noted that there are many cell tower activities taking place in town at present. He said that usually there are numerous applications, however due to the economy the number of applications for wetland, steep slope and tree permits have dropped considerably.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

B) Heritage Hills of Westchester/Sewage Treatment Plant/Site Plan/Planning Board; Map of Visitors Center-Model Area dated March 26, 1973, revised April 3, 1973; Prepared by Alexander Bunney Land Surveyor, PC; Re-Subdivision Map dated February 14, 2011; Prepared by Bunney Associates Land Surveyors, Preliminary Subdivision-Abbreviated Procedure; Letter to Planning Board dated 2-11-11;

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Old Business:

- B)** Applicant to subdivide 18.582 acre parcel into two parcels; Lot-1A/7.571 ac Lot-1B/11.011 ac; transfer 9 acre parcel with sewage treatment plant to Heritage Hills Sewage-Works Corp.; R-40 & DRD; Application; Short EAF; Site Plan-Parcel 1 & 2; Re-subdivision Map of Parcel 1 dated 2-14-11; Section 17.10, Block 10, Lot 18, tabled/hold-C.B., (Rte. 202 & Heritage Hills Drive): (ML)

The Conservation Board members reviewed the above Planning Board application for Heritage Hills Sewage Treatment Plant re-subdivision at their meeting tonight.

A memo (#11-14 dated March 18, 2011) was sent to the Planning Board stating the C.B. concerns and recommendations regarding the wetlands and the wetland buffer areas that were delineated by the applicant.

The memo that had been submitted to the Planning Board requested a revised wetland map of the area that is being subdivided. This was in order to address the C.B. environmental constraints that were noted by their site inspection of the Heritage Hills Sewage Treatment Plant re-subdivision review process.

The Board members had put forth questions concerning the lake on the corner of Warren Street, the proposed buffer areas and the wetland delineation on Rte. 202. They had been awaiting a response from the Planning Board on these issues.

The Board discussed the application among them with reference to the new re-subdivision map that they reviewed this evening.

Board member James Moriarty inquired about the date of the plans and asked if this was the original map.

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Old Business:

B) Heritage Hills Re-subdivision:

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis responded that the plans are dated 1973, but are updated to include the newly created subdivided area on the parcel, which now has become two town tax parcels.

Board member Michael La Gue said that essentially the C.B. concern is that the plan is lacking the proper setbacks for the wetland delineation and buffer areas (they should be 100 ft).

Ms. Davis noted that the plans had already been approved by the Planning Board without consideration of the Conservation Board's request for a wetland expert to re-delineate the wetland boundaries.

Mr. La Gue was wondering if the Planning Board would ever address the environmental concerns that were brought up by the Conservation Board during their site investigation.

Ms. Davis responded that she could follow up with Town Planner Hull to see if the Planning Board would be considering the Conservation Board request if the Board were amenable.

Chairman Meixner explained the details to the new appointee Mr. Flynn. He said that when this property was subdivided the Planning Board had not incorporated the proper setbacks for the wetlands and then they approved the subdivision without considering the concerns and recommendations of the Conservation Board. He noted that the C.B. should have been given forty-five days to comment and it appears that the Planning Board ignored the Board's comments, closed the Public Hearing and proceeded to approve the re-subdivision map as proposed.

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Old Business:

B) Heritage Hills Re-subdivision:

Board member Flynn noted that the Planning Board approved the site and was wondering what the Conservation Board was looking to achieve at this time.

The Chair responded that the Board would like to see the proposed wetland changes incorporated onto the re-subdivision map. He explained that the Board has concern over the fact that the newly created parcel would at some point be built upon and without the proper wetland delineation there would not be adequate protection in the buffer areas off Warren Street and Rte. 202 as guidelines for the new applicant (whoever that might be).

Ms. Davis advised that the Conservation Board would like the information contained on the plans to be accurate in order to guide the eventual new owners on their building constraints. Our dilemma is how to get the Planning Board to make the map accurate after the fact that they approved the re-subdivision map.

Board member La Gue explained that it appeared that wetland experts mapped the area, but they did not do an adequate job as they left out pertinent information, i.e. the lake, stream boundaries and their setbacks, neither of which have the 100 ft. setback as required by law.

The Chair noted that the wetland delineation on Rte. 202 provided by the applicant appears to be taken from the middle of the stream, which would not be accurate. The applicant had someone map these features and it does not seem to have been done properly he said.

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Old Business:

B) Heritage Hills Re-subdivision:

He opined that originally this parcel was part of the open space requirement for Heritage Hills. He went on to say that the creation of this subdivision made another parcel that could be sold and therefore would not be part of the open space requirement for Heritage Hills. He questioned the open space at Heritage Hills with regards to the golf course being subdivided for the creation of another business and was wondering if that too encompassed some of the original open space requirement for Heritage Hills.

Board member Michael La Gue read the C.B. memo #11-27 for the Board's consideration.

Discussion ensued among the Board members and they decided to write a memo to the Town Board incorporating memo #11-27 into the context.

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A memo (#11-36) will be sent to the Town Board stating that the Conservation Board reviewed the above Planning Board application for Heritage Hills of Westchester, site plan, subdivision, and wetland information at their meeting on July 26, 2011 (as well as previous meetings).

The Board members would like the Town Board to look into the following corrections being made to the re-subdivision plans for Heritage Hills. This application was approved without consideration being given to our site inspection and wetland findings.

The C.B. has the following concerns and recommendations:

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Old Business:

B) Heritage Hills Re-subdivision:

- 1) It appears that the Planning Board approved this subdivision before allowing the Conservation Board the appropriate evaluation period for the plans submitted.
- 2) An independent contractor should be consulted to ensure proper mapping in the wetland areas.
- 3) The Board members would appreciate accuracy when delineating wetland areas.
 - Upon site inspection, it appeared that the wetlands were incorrectly mapped.
 - The 100-ft. setback was not delineated accurately in the area where the lake crosses Warren Street; also along Rte. 202, which appears to be drawn inaccurately on the map provided (measuring from the center of the stream-not wetland).
 - The wetland boundary needs to be rechecked and the plans revised.
- 4) The Board is concerned that inaccurate information would potentially cause problems relating to future proposed development.
 - The applicant should submit accurate plans to the Town for clear record keeping.

The Conservation Board members would appreciate the Town Board looking into this matter, as it appears to be an important factor regarding future development on the parcel of property that is now subdivided from Heritage Hills Sewage Treatment Plant.

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Old Business:

B) Heritage Hills Re-subdivision:

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The Board members took no further action at this time.

**C) Critical Environmental Areas in the Town of Somers/Discussion/Report;
Board member Hantman will be looking into this subject matter on
behalf of the Board: (SH)**

The Conservation Board is in the process of compiling research on environmentally sensitive areas in Town with the purpose of establishing Critical Environmental Areas.

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis advised the Board that Ms. Hantman was not available to give a report at this time.

Chairman Meixner said that the matter would be tabled until the next meeting.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

**D) Homeland Towers, LLC/New Cingular Wireless PCS/LLC (AT&T);
Santaroni/2580 Rte. 35; Site Plan/Planning Board; Section 37.13, Block
2, Lot 3; Letter of Authorization/Ch. 67 Application Processing**

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Old Business:

- D)** Restrictive Law/Memo dated 4-14-11 from R. Gaudio, Esq., Color Constraints Map – Soil Types/CC-1; Color Constraints Map – Wetlands & Steep Slopes/CC-2; Prepared by Synder & Synder, LLP; (#2580 Rte. 35; Santaroni): (JP)

The Conservation Board will review the above Planning Board application for Homeland Towers, LLC/New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T); Santaroni/2580 Rte. 35, site plan, color constraints map, soil types, wetlands and steep slopes at their next meeting.

Board member John Purcell will review the materials submitted perform a site inspection of the property and give a report to the Board.

Chairman Meixner inquired about Board member Purcell.

Ms. Davis said that she spoke to him in person and he said that he would be at the meeting tonight and that he would bring the application with him.

The Chair explained this application to Board member Stephan Flynn mentioning that the cell tower was too close to a residence.

Board member Moriarty added that the applicant had an area variance, but they also said that they were improving the wetland buffer area. He noted that it is not a good idea to impact a wetland and then state for the record that you are making it better.

A brief discussion took place among the Board members with reference to this application.

As Mr. Purcell was not able to attend the meeting tonight further discussion on this application will be tabled until August 9.

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Old Business:

D) Homeland Towers:

A report will be forthcoming at the next Conservation Board meeting.

E) Naclerio/Notice of SEQOR Actions-Amended Site Plan Approval, Steep Slopes, Stormwater Management, Erosion-Sediment Control and Tree Preservation Permits; Notice of Designation of Lead Agency issued by the Planning Board/under requirements of SEQRA & Chapter 92 of Somers Town Code; Unlisted Action; CE-ROM has Revised EAF dated 6-27-11; Site Plan/S-1; Site Plan/S-2 dated 5-31-11; Sheet 4.20, Block 1, Lot 7; NS District; Applicant proposed grading & filling/another 6000 S.F. disturbance as well as the original 10,000 S.F. disturbance again and at the same time, Insite Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture PC, (North side of Rte. 6/after Baldwin Place): (JM)

The Conservation Board reviewed the above Planning Board application for Naclerio site plan, full EAF, steep slopes, stormwater management, erosion-sediment control, grading & filling, tree preservation permit and notice of designation of lead agency at their meeting tonight.

Mr. Moriarty gave a brief update on the Naclerio application for the benefit of members who were not on the Board. He explained that the property was located on Rte. 6 near Baldwin Place and that formerly it had a violation on site.

He noted that the applicant filled the rear portion of his yard without a permit, knocked down some mature trees and the debris went into the wetland buffer area behind the parcel. There is a doctor's office, rental unit in the building he said.

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Old Business:

E) Naclerio/SEQR:

Now the applicant is repairing the work that they did previously without a permit he said. The applicant submitted drawings and plans that appear to be accurate. They responded to the recent C.B. memo with reference to the *general fill* being changed on the EAF to *clean fill*.

Board member Moriarty informed the Board that if the applicant follows through with the plans as detailed on the CD then it appears that there should be no further problems or concerns with this project.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

F) Environmental Violation/Dowd dated July 5, 2011; TM-17.08-3-3; working in steep slopes without a permit; Article 148-5B Town Code, (#14 Deans Bridge Road): (ML)

The Conservation Board members are in receipt of documentation from the Principal Engineering Technician regarding the environmental violation for Dowd that involved the applicant working in steep slope area without a permit.

Board member Michael La Gue advised that he performed a brief site inspection on Monday and he gave a report to the Board.

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Report:

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Old Business:

F) NOV/Dowd:

- Mr. La Gue specified that if you are facing the house to the right is an existing driveway at the foot of which the applicant put some boulders.
- It appears that on the left side of the house the resident was trying to make a horseshoe driveway (to go in one side and come out the other).
- Board member La Gue noted that the resident had pushed the soil up, with boulders and piles of brush and there is a permanent fence by the road (with no gate).
- He went on to say that the resident put haybales in back of the fence and there is an erosion barrier about 20 ft. behind the haybales, adding that yesterday half of it was falling down. On a rainy day like today there would probably be a lot of erosion in that location as well as mud in the road he said.

Mr. Moriarty agreed with Board member La Gue's findings and informed the Board that the erosion control appeared to be down today.

- Board member La Gue noted that one could see the violation, but work had stopped and there did not seem to be any activity at present. However, the applicant has not put the area back to its original state, nor has he improved the erosion control for the site.

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis inquired about the resident being able to install erosion control during the period of time that there is a stop work order.

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Old Business:

F) NOV/Dowd:

Chairman Meixner and Board member La Gue both agreed that the resident could fix the erosion control measures even if there was a stop work order, as the site should be stabilized.

Mr. Moriarty agreed and said that the applicant has the responsibility to control the water and mud and prevent them from flowing out into the road.

The Chair specified that those types of driveways (horseshoe) are not permitted with two entrances/exits from one property.

Discussion took place among the Board members and they decided to write a memo to Building Inspector Citarella and Principal Engineering Technician Woelfle.

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A memo (#11-37) will be sent to the Principal Engineering Technician and Building Inspector stating that the Conservation Board acknowledges receipt of the environmental violation letter concerning the property owner named Dowd and they reviewed the information submitted at their meeting on July 26, 2011.

The Board members reviewed the materials submitted, performed a site inspection of the property and discussed the violation among them.

The C.B. has the following concerns and recommendations:

- 1) A site inspection was conducted for the above parcel of property and we note that the erosion control measures have failed.

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Old Business:

F) NOV/Dowd:

- 2) The erosion control on site appears to be inadequate and should be enhanced by the property owner.

The Board members would appreciate this matter addressed as soon as possible.

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The Board members took no further action at this time.

G) Environmental Violation/Cicciarella dated July 1, 2011; TM-16.06-1-61.1; installation of fill within wetland regulated area and conservation easement, Article 167-4B Town Code, (#50 Overhill Road/Shenorock): (ML/GM)

The Conservation Board members are in receipt of documentation from the Principal Engineering Technician regarding the above environmental violation for Cicciarella in a wetland regulated area/conservation easement and they discussed this violation at their meeting tonight.

Board member Michael La Gue said that he attempted to find the above location, but was not sure that he was at the right house. He said that he saw a house that faced Forest Road and in back of the home there was a garage being constructed. He noted that there was no visible number on the house and he did not see any signs of a wetland.

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Old Business:

G) NOV/Cicciarella:

Mr. La Gue remarked that if the site is at the location that he visited then construction has not ceased at that location. However, he noted that he was not at all sure that the property location was accurate, as there were no identifying numbers on the house.

Chairman Meixner mentioned that he would try to locate the property in question and see if he could find it.

Discussion ensued among the Board members with reference to this violation.

The C.B. Secretary read from the Principal Engineering Technician's letter to Mr. Cicciarella dated July 1, 2011, which was in the C.B. packet for July 12, 2011 meeting.

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The violation consists of installation of fill within the wetland regulated area and conservation easement. This violation is described in Article 167-4B (3) of the Code of the Town of Somers and in the Conservation Easement dated July 26, 1993 as follows:

- (3) *Any form of dumping, filling or deposition of material, either directly or indirectly, including silts, sediments or other materials.*

The conservation easement area shall remain undisturbed in its natural state, and no building, shed, well, recreation facility or other structures may be constructed in the conservation easement area:

This Declaration shall run with the land in perpetuity and shall be binding upon Declarant, its successors and assigns;

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G) NOV/Cicciarella:

The beneficiary of the easement shall be the Town of Somers, which shall have the power to enforce the same.

You are hereby ordered to take immediate steps to install erosion control measures and further steps to eliminate said violation within ten days of your receipt of this Notice of Violation. The order to eliminate the violation shall consist of the following.

- 1) Remove all of the imported material.*
- 2) The conservation easement area must be allowed to revert back to its natural state.*

After eliminating the violation and complying with all of the above requirements, please call this office for a re-inspection.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

**H) Conservation Board Vouchers/sign for Finance Office: (GM)
C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis produced the Conservation Board vouchers to be signed by the Chairman and then given to Town Clerk Pacella before being passed along to the Finance Office.**

Ms. Davis will copy the vouchers and deliver them to the voucher bin for the Town Clerk.

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New Business:

H) C.B./Vouchers:

The Board members took no further action at this time.

New Business:

A) C.B. Budget 2012/Sheets received from Town Supervisor dated July 7, 2011/must have original and six copies by August 15, 2011/Use figures from 2011 Adopted Budget Sheet: (RD)

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis explained the Budget process to the Board members and the fact that the Supervisor called for the same budget as last year. She noted that the Budget should be in the Supervisor's office by August 15 with an original and six copies.

Ms. Davis mentioned to the Board members that unfortunately last year the Town Board took away \$1500.00 from the contractual line of the Conservation Board's budget.

Discussion ensued among the Board members and they decided that the budget should reflect that the map room should have a hardwire connection for researching Town Code, Google searching and mapping purposes.

Board member Moriarty said that the Board also needs some way to display the plans as they are being sent to the Board on CD's.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

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New Business:

- B)** Grippe/Wetland Activity Permit/Sketch/Administrative Review/received July 12, 2011, Section 47.20, Block 1, Lot 14; Short EAF; Above ground pool, Prepared by Applicant, (East side/#131 Pinesbridge Road): (GM)
The Conservation Board members reviewed the above administrative application for Grippe wetland activity permit, sketch and above ground pool at their meeting tonight.

Chairman Gary Meixner reviewed the materials submitted and attended the Administrative Application meeting with the Principal Engineering Technician Steve Woelfle on July 13 at 1:30 PM.

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Report:

- The Chair advised that the legal description of the property is wrong (i.e. 131 Pinesbridge Road, Katonah, NY).

- The above information is also wrong on the following:
 - a) Westchester County, NY Chapter 67 “Application Processing Restrictive Law”
 - b) Town of Somers, Westchester County Environmental Determination
 - c) Short Environmental Assessment form
 - d) Affidavit completed by owner (notary public).

- The Chair advised that there was no filter description on what type is being used for the pool (i.e. cartridge/sand); a cartridge would be better as it does not have to be back-washed, which would be a better feature for the nearby wetlands he said.

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New Business:

B) Grippio/WAP-Admin.:

- The Chair specified on the record that the Conservation Board has a history of not approving swimming pools in the 100 ft. wetland buffer area.

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Chairman Meixner informed the Board members that he did not say whether or not he was approving the application, he merely wrote his remarks on the application sheet provided.

The Chair explained to the Board (for the sake of the new member) that Administrative applications are not usually denied by the C.B. as they are at the discretion of the Engineering Department and do not follow the normal process of going before the Planning Board.

Discussion ensued among the Board members with reference to administrative applications and the submission of incorrect information.

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis noted that it looks as if the applicant filled out the paperwork (incorrectly).

The Chair said that the applicant did fill it out wrong and then it will get passed along and approved with the wrong information on the associated paperwork.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

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New Business:

- C)** Environmental Violation/Testa dated July 20, 2011/TM-6.16-2-31/installation of fill within wetland regulated area; Article 167-4B (3) Town Code, (#4 Hillandale Avenue/Shenorock): (ML/GM)
The Conservation Board acknowledges receipt of the above environmental violation for Patricia Testa, Shenorock, NY at their meeting tonight.

Chairman Gary Meixner said that he might do a drive-by when he is in the neighborhood doing the other application, however he asked Michael La Gue if he would take a look at this property also.

Mr. La Gue responded affirmatively. He said that he would be available to try and locate this application in Shenorock as well.

A brief discussion took place among the Board members with reference to this application and the violation on the property. The members also mentioned the fact that the road name is Hillandale, not Hilldale as represented on the memo (apparently no one checked for accuracy).

A report will be forthcoming at the next Conservation Board meeting.

- D)** Homeland Towers, LLC/New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T), 2580 Rte. 35/Santaroni, Site Plan/Planning Board; Ltr to ZBA dated 7-7-11; Ltr from Tectonic to PB dated 5-5-11; Ltr to Homeland Towers Mr. Vicente from Sabre Towers & Poles Mr. McBreen dated 4-26-11; Ltr to CB/Meixner from Tectonic dated 5-25-11; Second Additional Radio Frequency Information/Site N dated 6-27-11; Scoping Documents Response; Visual Impact Analysis dated July 2011-prepared by VHB Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture, PC; Wetland Buffer

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New Business:

- D)** Mitigation Plan/Z-6; Wetland Buffer Mitigation Details/Z-6A; Prepared by Snyder & Snyder, LLP, (#2580 Rte. 35/Santaroni): (JM)
The Conservation Board will review the above Planning Board application for Homeland Towers, LLC/New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T), 2580 Rte. 35/Santaroni, site plan, letter to the C.B., Scoping documents, visual impact analysis, wetland buffer mitigation plan and wetland buffer detail plan at their next meeting.

Board member James Moriarty will review the materials submitted, perform a site inspection of the property and give a report to the Board.

A report will be forthcoming at the next Conservation Board meeting.

- E)** MetroPCS NY @ Lincoln Hall School/dated June 9, 2011 & July 18, 2011, Site Plan/Planning Board; Ltr PB dated 7-18-11/taxes, etc; Compound Plan & Elevation/S-1; Ltr PB dated 6-9-11; Full EAF; Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J; Title Sheet/T-1; Compound Plan & Elevation/S-1; Construction Details & Notes/S-2; Boundary Survey-Crown Castle/Site ID 806904; dated 12-6-10; Prepared by Cuddy & Feder, LLP, (Lincoln Hall School/Rte.118 off Rte. 139): (GM)
The Conservation Board will review the above Planning Board application for MetroPCS NY @ Lincoln Hall School, site plan, full EAF, compound plan-elevation, exhibits A-J, compound plan-elevation and construction details at their next meeting.

Chairman Gary Meixner will review the materials submitted, perform a site inspection of the property and give a report to the Board.

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New Business:

E) MetroPCS/Lincoln Hall:

Discussion ensued among the Board members with reference to this application being proposed on a pre-existent cell tower located at the Lincoln Hall School site in Lincoln Dale.

Some further discussion took place regarding cell towers in general and the environmental problems associated with the addition of vendors on the cell towers after their original construction. It is the Board's contention that these towers should be proposed holistically in their entirety as if they were already built out. The Board members concur that if the Planning Board requested that this be done then the end product would have less environmental disturbance issues.

A report will be forthcoming at the next Conservation Board meeting.

F) ELLA (Environmental Leaders Learning Alliance)/Mapping of ISF (Invasive Strike Force) through out the region using volunteers; one day training (*Invasive Plant Study*) was provided for the strike force crew on July 10, 2011 at Teatown Reservation/Report forthcoming: (ML)
The Conservation Board members acknowledge receipt of the above information from Dr. Rubbo regarding the creation of an ISF (invasive strike force) through volunteers and training that would involve one day of training.

Board member Michael La Gue volunteered to take this training session offered by ELLA entitled *Invasive Plant Study* and involving the creation an invasive strike force to implement the mapping of invasive species along certain trailways as designated by ELLA.

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New Business:

F) ELLA/Mapping/ISF:

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Report:

- Mr. La Gue advised the Board that the training session was two weeks ago and they discussed the fourteen most invasive plants in the area.
- He explained that ELLA loaned him a GPS system and gave him specific trails to explore, noting that every 50 ft. he needs to take a GPS location and observe both sides of the trail while checking to see if any of the invasive plants are located there.
- Board member La Gue specified that ELLA will collect all of this data and afterwards if there are problems on the trails with invasive species then they should be noted by the volunteers and then a team such as the Boy Scouts would be dispatched to remove the invasive species.
- Mr. La Gue said that the trails (in particular the Anglefly trails) are becoming accredited and when that happens there are rules that have to be followed and one of those is that the trail should not be overrun by invasive plants.
- He explained that he would walk 50 ft. on the trail however, the invasive species would have to be observed and taken out 50 ft. in both directions so that they are not near and do not impede hiking activity on the actual trail. He advised that this would be done mainly to keep the trail clean and also environmentally friendly.

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F) ELLA/Mapping/ISF:

- Theoretically, he said that if they don't do anything these vines could overrun the trees and there would be something that resembled a wasteland of invasive vines.

Chairman Meixner and Board member La Gue discussed some invasive species.

The Chair mentioned that reed grass is overtaking the wetland areas.

Mr. La Gue noted that loosestrife is the main problem in the wetlands. He explained that the wetland is the habitat for reed grass; it is not going to be located on a lawn (unless your lawn is a wetland), however loosestrife could be on the lawn or a wetland and it is an invasive plant.

A report will be forthcoming at the next Conservation Board meeting.

G) NYS-DEC/Hudsonia Ltd. A Short Course in Biodiversity Assessment on August 30, 31 & September 1 from 9-5 in Dutchess County, NY/Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg/Report forthcoming: (SH)
The Conservation Board members acknowledge receipt of the above information from the DEC regarding *A Short Course in Biodiversity Assessment*.

Board member Shoshana Hantman has informed the Board that she is volunteering to attend this course at the end of August.

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New Business:

G) NYS-DEC/Biodiversity Assessment.

A report will be forthcoming to the Conservation Board sometime there after when the course has been completed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:20 PM by Board member Stephen Flynn and seconded by Board member James Moriarty. All members present approved.

The next regular meeting of the Conservation Board will be held at the Town House on August 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Subsequent Conservation Board meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held at the Town House on August 23, 2011 and September 13, 2011 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosetta Davis
Secretary
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