

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:35 P.M. Chairman Gery Herrmann called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper,
Barbara Cragan, Jackie Andrew, Susan Allman, Patty Kalinowski
Absent: Pete Wesley
Also Present: Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Barrington Area Conservation Trust
Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
December 2, 2008**

The Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Update on Flint Creek

Ms. Nancy Schumm-Burgess from BACTrust (Barrington Area Conservation Trust) approached the Commission and gave a status report on the progress of the preliminary Flint Creek Restoration Project stream bank restoration site, located at the corner of Rugby Road and Essex Drive. The SMC Grant (Stormwater Management Commission) of \$10,000 has been approved for the purposes of publicity. A public relations committee meeting has been scheduled for January 15, 2009 in order to organize a campaign, which will be implemented via a website, as well as public education and forums.

Ms. Schumm-Burgess stressed the importance of public questions and issues being directed to her in order to dispel any rumors. Village Forester Susan Allman explained that some of the neighbors in the project area were inquiring about the work presently taking place, and its effective relevance to the actual Flint Creek. Clarification relating to geographical parameters of personal and Village property will be discussed at a scheduled public forum, along with the long term goal of the Flint Creek Watershed Project.

Chairman Gery Herrmann expressed his concern that all the property owners have been properly notified. The Commission stressed the importance of a positive attitude towards the project. Ms. Schumm-Burgess suggested a representative from Tallgrass Restoration, LLC attend the next Board of Trustees meeting.

4. Discussion of Septic Tank Maintenance Ordinance

Environmental and Health Commission member Patty Kalinowski reviewed the packet of information she had compiled in response to a request by Chairman Gery Herrmann to research various community requirements for septic tank maintenance. The Commission would like to determine if such an ordinance could be implemented by the Village of North Barrington. The goal is ensure that residents are having their tanks pumped and maintained at appropriate intervals.

There was lengthy discussion about the importance of residents being aware of septic system maintenance and the effect on property values, as well as the environment. The health and safety of Village residents is also considerable. Chairman Herrmann would like Village Health Officer Natalie Karney to attend the February 3, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission meeting.

The Commission agreed to review all the materials, select the appropriate sections applicable to North Barrington and return to the February 3, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission with ideas for a draft ordinance. Chairman Herrmann emphasized that all decisions will be finalized by the Village Board. There was lengthy discussion about the enforcement of such an ordinance, permit fees and a definition of what is considered reasonable.

5. Old/New Business

Chairman Gery Herrmann thanked the Commission for their service to the Village, and encouraged recruitment of new members.

Village Forester Susan Allman announced the date of April 25, 2009 as Arbor Day. Ms. Allman will arrange for a guest speaker at the Village Hall. Ms. Nancy Schumm-Burgess may also engage a guest speaker to make a presentation about the elements of the Flint Creek Watershed.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Barbara Cragan moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:00 p.m. Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Meeting adjourned.

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These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held February 3, 2009.

ATTEST:

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Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

