

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, 111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 9:10 A.M. President Sauer called the Meeting to order. The Deputy Village Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll:

Present in Person: President Sauer, Trustee Mark Kolar, Trustee Camille Koertner, and Trustee Al Pino
Absent: Trustee Pete Boland, Trustee Jane Farrell, and Trustee Lawre Weiner
Also Present: Kathy Nelander, Village Administrator
Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk
Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACTrust)
Barb Cragan, 458 Pinewoods Drive
Patty Kalinowski, 497 Brookside Road
Terri Tepper, 261 Kimberly Road
Susan Allman, 425 Mockingbird Lane
Tim Moritz, Tallgrass Restoration LLC, Schaumburg
Patsy Mortimer, Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

2. Welcome and Introductions

President Sauer welcomed the attendees and made introductions.

3. Update on Current Status of Plans

a. Tallgrass Project Timeline

Mr. Tim Moritz, Tallgrass Restoration LLC, approached the Board and distributed the Flint Creek Restoration, 2008 Phase I Site Preparation Construction Schedule, as well as the resident address notification list and map outlining the Flint Creek restoration work. The contractual scope of work was reviewed and discussed. Tallgrass Restoration LLC will clear and remove all buckthorn, honeysuckle and box elder, including all trees less than twelve inches. The project “staging” area will be located at the corner of Rugby Road and Essex Lane. President Sauer emphasized the importance of community involvement, and would like to see photographs taken at every stage. President Sauer stated that this is a decade long project and must be implemented carefully to be successful. The geographical goal of this initial demonstration project is approximately 5 acres, with appropriate adjustments being made as work progresses.

b. Newsletter Announcements

The Village Administrator plans to compose and send a letter to the residents on the notification list informing them of a start date for the initial clearing for restoration purposes, scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008. The Village website will provide continual project updates.

The Environmental and Health Commission, with the assistance of Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACTrust) will organize a community wide public relations and educational campaign.

c. FY09 319 Grant for Public Events

Nancy Schumm-Burgess announced that she had just received 319 Grant approval of funding for a total of four public outreach programs and plans to hold a North Barrington community forum in 2009. An invitation postcard will be mailed in January 2009. A series of speakers will be invited to discuss watershed issues ranging from an individual's property, the community, the actual watershed and the global impact of a watershed. A total of \$10,000 has been approved. Ms. Schumm-Burgess will also attend the December 11, 2008 SMC Board Meeting to discuss her application of a Watershed Management Board Grant.

4. Concrete Plans for Winter 2009

a. Promotion of Tallgrass Workdays

Mr. Moritz suggested resident participation by way of specific resident cooperative workdays. Nancy Schumm-Burgess added that the workdays will be part of the community Public Relations campaign. Workdays may also take place under the 2009 Tallgrass Restoration LLC stewardship program.

b. Resident Workshops, 319 Event

The community workshops will be part of the educational process and will be organized by a Public Relations Committee. Ms. Schumm-Burgess will continue to update the committee on the Grant process. The Environmental and Health Commission will recruit volunteers for the Public Relations Committee.

c. Postcard to Residents

The postcards will be mailed to all Village residents by the Environmental and Health Commission inviting them to attend the workshops and workdays. Ms. Schumm-Burgess stressed the importance of engaging the community and answering all their questions.

d. Environmental Commission Update and Involvement

The Environmental and Health Commission will be involved in the public relations and education campaign of the community. Ms. Schumm-Burgess will update the Commission.

5. Further Plans for 2009

President Sauer stated he would like to see a North Barrington Public Relations Committee, promoting the lifestyle and character of the Village, to both current and prospective residents.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Kolar moved to adjourn the Special Meeting; seconded by Trustee Koertner. The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 10:10 a.m. President Sauer declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved by the Board at a meeting held December 17, 2008.

Attest:

Sue Murdy
Deputy Village Clerk