

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:32 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, Susan Allman, Pat Ryan
Absent: Barbara Cragan, Frank Mattioli, Pete Wesley
Also Present: Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk
Trustee Lawrence Weiner

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
October 9, 2007**

The Minutes of the October 9, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Minutes of the October 9, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Susan Allman.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Minutes of the October 9, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Update by Chairman Herrmann of Leaf Ordinance Status

The Commission agreed that alternative leaf disposal methods need to be presented to the Village residents in the event a ban on leaf burning was enacted, and emphasized the importance of ongoing informational education on mulching and composting. There was lengthy discussion. The Commission would like to see the Board of Trustees consider their previous recommendation from the Environmental and Health Commission at the next scheduled Board Meeting. Chairman Gery Herrmann stated for the record he would like to see the Board take a position. Mr. Tom Gooch from Cuba Township may be presenting a leaf pickup program at the November 19, 2007 Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Weiner stated he felt that the recommendation would be voted on at the November 19, 2007 Board Meeting. Chairman Herrmann will try to attend the Board Meeting.

4. Update by Chairman Herrmann of Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

Chairman Gery Herrmann explained to the Commission that he had attended the October 29, 2007 Flint Creek Watershed Partnership meeting and was very impressed with their organization and goals. Chairman Herrmann pointed out that North Barrington was used as an example by the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership when illustrating criteria used to formulate the priority list. The Commission discussed which items could reasonably be implemented by North Barrington. The final public presentation meeting of the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership will take place November 28, 2007 at the Barrington Village Hall. Chairman Gery Herrmann informed the Commission about the Village organized Flint Creek walk scheduled for November 17, 2007.

5. Old/New Business

Chairman Gery Herrmann explained to the Commission that he discussed the Village of North Barrington Village Code Amendment to Section 4-5-1 with Village Health Officer Natalie Karney. The Ordinance permits the Village Health Officer to issue a permit for repairs to an existing individual sewage disposal system in cases of a failure. This would no longer require a homeowner to go through the variance process. The Commission agreed that the Ordinance was a benefit to the residents of North Barrington. It was noted that this ordinance change is not applicable in cases of a structural addition which increases the square footage of such structure.

Mr. Pat Ryan explained to the Commission that there are two trees within the Village that require the Forester's attention; one located on Concord Lane and one on Signal Hill Road. Village Forester Susan Allman will visit the sites.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a Village buckthorn removal program in the spring in conjunction with chipper days and Arbor Day. The Deputy Clerk will get the costs associated with a spring pickup.

Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper reported he is in the process of getting the design and costs for the Village Entrance Beautification project scheduled for the spring.

The Commission discussed the possibility of canceling the December 4, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Susan Allman moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:31 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 December 4, 2007.

ATTEST:

Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

