

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF  
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008 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  
October 7, 2008**

The Minutes of the October 7, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Ms. Barbara Cragan moved that the Minutes of the October 7, 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 October 7, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

**3. Presentation by Nancy Schumm-Burgess (BACTrust)**

Ms. Nancy Schumm-Burgess approached the Commission and reviewed the proceedings of the Special Meeting called by President Sauer held at 9:00 a.m. December 2, 2008. Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained the status of the Flint Creek Watershed Restoration Project, as presented at the Special Meeting by Tim Moritz, Tallgrass Restoration LLC. She also gave an update on the Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACTrust) in regards to the submitted application (319 Grant) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purposes of the Flint Creek Watershed Restoration project within the Village of North Barrington. The Grant has been approved and Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained that she will initiate four public outreach programs in 2009, including a North Barrington community forum. The WMB Grant application status is pending. Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained the vast expertise which both Grants will provide to the watershed, specifically the Village of North Barrington.

Ms. Schumm-Burgess informed the Commission that the targeted start date for the actual work by Tallgrass Restoration is Tuesday, December 9, 2008. A more specific budget can be established once the status of the WMB Grant is announced on December 11, 2008 at the SMC Meeting.

The importance of the Environmental and Health Commission commencing and building a community public relations campaign was discussed. Ms. Schumm-Burgess will provide necessary educational guidance to the designated Public Relations Committee. Ms. Barbara Cragan, Ms. Susan Allman and Ms. Patty Kalinowski agreed to be on the committee.

There was extensive discussion about the scope of work outlined by the Tallgrass Restoration LLC Flint Creek Restoration, 2008 Phase I Site Preparation Construction Schedule. The Commission voiced concern about creek stabilization, cleaning and enhancement as opposed to the clearing of the land bordering the bank of the creek. They would like clarification that both aspects are addressed in the contract with Tallgrass Restoration LLC. The physical location of the demonstration site was also discussed due to part of the location being private property.

The first community outreach program will be held in March 2009, possibly at the Flint Creek Restoration Project demonstration site.

#### **4. Discussion of Septic Tank Maintenance Ordinance**

Chairman Gery Herrmann announced to the Commission that he would like to see a Village Ordinance requiring residents to follow a maintenance schedule for their septic tank inspection and pumping. Chairman Herrmann hopes to reduce problematic septic systems within the Village by educating the residents and promoting a clean water philosophy. Ms. Patty Kalinowski presented some pertinent information she had compiled from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) about septic systems, and stated she has some additional material on order.

Chairman Herrmann would like to see appropriate legal ordinance language drafted for review at the next Environmental and Health Meeting. Chairman Herrmann will also continue to research similar ordinances.

#### **5. Old/New Business**

Ms. Susan Allman reported that she has applied for renewal of the Village's Tree City USA designation. Ms. Allman has been pink tagging dead trees within the Village. Ms. Allman is in the process of obtaining a copy of the Village tree survey conducted earlier in the year.

The Commission discussed the 2009 Village 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and will contact Trustee Jane Farrell with ideas.

Ms. Patty Kalinowski asked for clarification of water softener discharge regulations within the Village. Chairman Herrmann stated that it was an issue difficult to monitor at this point.

Ms. Jackie Andrew stated her concern about maintenance of unoccupied residences within the Village.

The Commission agreed that the Village Entrance Beautification Project, as well as placement of a sign designating Village entrances was on hold.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper 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.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held January 6, 2009.

ATTEST:

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Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk



