

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:30 P.M. Chairman Bruce Kramper called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Bruce Kramper, Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski, Jackie Andrew, Susan Allman, Rob Haas
Absent: None
Also Present: Gery Herrmann, 257 Kimberly Road
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
October 5, 2010**

The Minutes of the October 5, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

There were some clerical mistakes made in the Minutes that were addressed and corrected. Susan Allman mentioned that Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski expressed an opinion regarding the Wynstone Tree request that was not found in the Minutes. The Minutes were changed to reflect the comments.

Motion: Susan Allman moved that the Minutes of the October 5, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved as amended; seconded by Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the October 5, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved, as amended, and put on file.

3. Review Septic Maintenance Ordinance

The Commission reviewed the Septic Maintenance Ordinance in its final legal version. Chairman Kramper stated that the Board had discussed the possibility of hiring an adjudicator for enforcement purposes so that the potential penalties from this particular Ordinance, as well as others already enacted, would be possible to uphold. The Commission agreed that phasing this Ordinance in over a five year span would be ideal. They also stated that after the first 20% of residents go through the Septic Permit process, the form, letters, etc. could be changed if needed; and, if the process was simple enough, they could phase in the Ordinance over a shorter period of time.

All of the letters that would be used as correspondence to residents, contractors, general information pieces, etc. were reviewed by the Commission. Everyone on the Commission was informed which

particular letter would be used for which particular correspondence and then small clerical changes were made to each letter. The Commission also reviewed the list of Lake County approved septic evaluators, septic designers, and septic installers.

Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) created a "BACOG Homeowner's Guide to Well and Septic Systems" which was delivered to the Commission. The Commission reviewed the guide and found many duplicate Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) between the guide and the ones included on the back of their permit form. The Commission decided that a copy of the BACOG Guide should be sent to all residents in the first informational mailing. All of the FAQ's listed on the North Barrington permit would remain, even if they were duplicated, so that residents would be exposed to them as many times as possible. Vice Chairman Kalinowski presented the Commission with answers for the Commission's FAQ's as did Natalie Karney, Village Health and Sanitation Officer. Both sets of answers were reviewed and edited/combined where appropriate for a final version.

Chairman Kramper stated that once all of the editing/corrections were made to the letters and permit, and the Ordinance had been officially codified, the mailings would be prepared to inform residents of the new Ordinance and its requirements. Chairman Kramper then thanked the Commission, as well as Gery Herrmann, for all of their hard work and dedication to getting the project completed.

4. Old/New Business

The Commission reviewed the BMP Manual in its first edition. Ms. Andrew stated that there were many good ideas throughout the manual that could be used in an educational project. She stated that there were sections that specifically addressed how to help and maintain the creek that would be beneficial. Ms. Andrew also showed the Commission some handouts with good pictures of various invasive species, etc. that would also be beneficial to show residents. The Commission appreciated the Manual overall, but questioned the use of some pictures and data from outside of the Village's geographical area.

The Commission also discussed the water quality program that was used to test Flint Creek. Chairman Kramper stated that the Board has received regular reports regarding the water quality. Ms. Andrew stated that she believed the samples had been taken at inappropriate times, such as after large storms and when the water level was too high. The Commission agreed that the water samples were taken at specific times for specific reasons. Chairman Kramper stated that the samples were taken after big rain events to test the runoff from different areas and that all testing would be done at similar times so that comparisons can be made.

Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that a dam had been constructed in the creek by a neighbor and that the Village had been notified. She also stated that the neighbor meant no harm, and did not realize that they were causing a major change in the creek, and had started removing rocks from the dam. Ms. Andrew then stated that a neighbor of hers has done, and continues to do, fantastic environmental work with buckthorn on their property. She stated that she would like to send a letter of recognition and thanks to residents who continually do environmental work to better their property and the property of those around them. Chairman Kramper stated that it would be something of interest to the Commission and suggested that someone create a letter of recognition, or award, and the Commission could vote on it at the next meeting. Ms. Allman stated that she would like to award something like this at an Arbor Day event and also stated that she would like her Arbor Day event to be at Eton Park. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that the work these people were doing could be used as an example to other

residents on Arbor Day, etc. Ms. Andrew stated that it could also be included in the Village Newsletter.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Susan Allman.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:24 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held December 7, 2010.

ATTEST:

_____, Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

