

**Colden Environmental Board (EB) Meeting**

**October 1, 2013 Minutes - Draft**

EB Members Present: Michelle Roberts, Jennifer Okal, Ronald Fraser

EB Members Absent: Craig Bouquin, Deborah Pasco

Others in Attendance: Councilman Dave Arcara, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Greg Adams, and Residents Paul & Liza Cohn

Chairperson Roberts called meeting to order at 7:03pm. This meeting was held at the Colden Town Hall, State Rd, Colden NY.

**June Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes approved with the following corrections: Under 'Address Attendee's Questions', correct wording to read : Mildred Kellner was present to state. Also, Recycling Day is November 2, 2013 and NOT September 28, 2013 .

Michelle motioned to accept the minutes of the 7/02/2013 meeting with the aforementioned changes. Ron seconded the motion. Ron asked if previous EB hydrofracking recommendation letter was sent to the Town Board. Michelle responded yes. Ron asked date it was sent. Michelle wasn't sure, but it was sent as PDF attachment via e-mail by Michelle to Chris Kerlin who was to put it on letterhead and send it to Town Board members-which was done on July 12, 2013.

Motion to accept the 7/02/2013 minutes unanimously approved.

**Review of SEQR for Paul & Liza Cohn's permit for grove type use of their property at 8213 Center St (Town of Colden):**

EB members received long-form SEQR at 10/01/13 meeting. Members had previously received copies of letter of intent, conceptual drawing, and maps. Michelle asked Cohn's when they intended to start and complete the project. They are expecting Spring 2014, providing permits and paperwork are in order.

Michelle asked about the project. Cohn's are meeting with an architect October 4,2013 for site work and plans. They have 29 acres and plan to use 1 acre for facilities and parking. They have already met with the Planning Board. Project is in conceptual and beginning planning stages right now.

Michelle asked if SEQR information could change and Paul Cohn responded yes.

Michelle suggested we table the SEQR until Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 7pm when the EB will plan a special Wednesday night meeting as election day is on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> which is the regularly scheduled meeting night. Michelle also requested the Cohn's send their plans, and all information they have, to Chris Kerlin. She will make copies and distribute to all EB members so they can look at the information, review the plans and SEQR and then ask questions. All questions

by the EB members will be e-mailed to Michelle Roberts and cc'd to all EB members by October 25, 2013. Michelle will compile them and e-mail them to Chris Kerlin. Chris will forward all questions and concerns to the Cohn's by October 25, 2013.

The Cohn's will possibly meet with the Planning Board on 10/15/2013.

Michelle made a motion to table the SEQR. Ron seconded. Motion approved.

**Recycle Day Activity Review:**

Recycling Day is November 2, 2013 from 8am to 12pm at the Highway Barns. No hazardous material accepted.

**Other Business:**

- 1) Ron Fraser is the official representative from Town of Colden for the Erie County Environmental Management Council. Thirty or so people meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Doug's Dive, discussing issues such as the Emerald Ash Boror and Hogweed. Ron will e-mail Michelle with more information as Michelle is considering attending the meetings with Ron.

Ron said he proposed in an e-mail to form a southtowns subgroup (Colden, Sardinia, Concord...) to meet and propose issues to the Council that are pertinent to southtown residents. The Council thought it was a good idea. Ron will follow up.

Ron thinks we could make the Council's meetings more useful to us to have substantive environmental/southtowns issues put on the Council's agenda. He suggested he can draft a letter to 12 or so towns if the EB members think it is a good idea.

- 2) Dave Arcara said there is a meeting in Wales at the South Wales Fire Co. on October 24, 2013 at 7pm which is open to the public. A speaker will be there to discuss water protection.

**Adjourn:**

Michelle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Ron seconded. Motion approved.