



Dennis Township Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes October 4, 2022

DTEC monthly ZOOM meeting, hosted by Dennis Township Committee member Scott Turner.

Present at the meeting in addition to Scott Turner were: Bob Penrose (Chairman), Ray Rebmann, Justin Turner, Brad Rosenthal, and Lisa Salimbene (Members).

No guest speaker. Following roll call, July meeting minutes were approved.

Mr. Penrose reported on recent correspondence including a letter from Engineering Design regarding its client's submission of wetlands presence footprint of disturbance approval has been submitted to NJDEP for 290 Stipsons Island Road.

A second letter to the commission came from Gibson Associates, again notifying an application filing with DEP. This for a proposed on-site sanitary sewage disposal system to be constructed for Turner Properties, Block 245, Lot 43.

A third letter informs the commission that Pinelands Commission provided a Certificate of Filing for Jessica Gibboni. The applicant wishes to demolish four 50+ year old buildings on Block 53, Lot 43.

Pinelands Commission also informed the commission about its ongoing communication with Anthony Monzo regarding illegal construction and proposed remedies on Block 67, Lot 21-27.

Cape May County's new Farmland Preservation Plan is now available on the county website at <https://capemaycountynj.gov/432/Planning-Department>.

The Consolidated Land Use Board has been busy recently. First is the ongoing application for Pierson Pleasantville, 471 Corson Tavern Road. Applicant is looking for site plan approvals and use, bulk variances and waivers needed to add a ready mix concrete to its current use as a gravel pit. This application has been ongoing since the summer and will continue at the November Land Use meeting.

One possible cause for the lengthy process is that there is opposition to the project and they have a lawyer, as does the applicant.

ZEMAC's application to build self-storage and a building with eight rentals for small businesses at Rt9 N, in Clermont Village was approved at the July meeting.

Susan and Steven Narrigan;s application for site plan approvals to eliminate two tents and replace with open-air pavilions as well as a 120 square foot kitchen for additional storage space on existing paved surfaces at the Abbie Holmes Estate on Rt 9 Clermont, was approved at the September meeting.

Hansen Aggregates Pennsylvania application to renew its current resource extraction permit for property on Route 83 was approved. Such renewals are required every three years.

Francis Klebauer's application to construct a 6000 square foot building to be used by ER Dietz Masonry (garage and storage and office) was adjourned until the October LUB meeting.

A number of other applications are scheduled for the October 27 Land Use meeting. This includes Richard and Marie Hocker Revokable Trusts for a number of lots at 163 Fidler Road. Applicant wants to consolidate seven lots to two. Application also seeks use variances for an existing garage apartment and another dwelling.

James and Debbie Mooers will ask for approval to build a 24x36 foot pole barn and two 12x36 lean-tos at 145 Fidler Road.

Ocean View Associates Realty at 2721 Rte 9 wants approval to provide rooming on the second floor of a structure located in the front of the main building for ten employees working at the nursing home at that location.

The October 6 work session will review the application of Ocean View Petroleum, 2495 Rt 9. Applicant asks to renovate an existing two-story building into a shop and second floor apartment. They also want to build a gas station canopy, underground gas tanks, parkways and driveways.

Members discussed this application, noting that it is the site of s former (Riggins) gas station, One member asked if there are tanks already on site that require attention. Ms Salimbene suggested that they'd been removed. Mr. Turner noted that the location had a history of serving as a gas station being the site owned by the Canuso family for many years.

Moving on to other business, members discussed the township's plan to "sweep and clean" the municipal garden as preparation for future work in the garden utilizing the recently obtained Sustainable Jersey grant (\$5000 total) as well as an ANJEC grant (\$1500) obtained by the commission earlier.

Mr. Penrose suggested that anyone wishing to take home plants from the garden should do so before the DTPW comes in. Mr. Penrose indicated that the commission should measure and lay-out what it wants to do with the garden. Given that the revised plan calls for involvement by the Senior Center, suggestions were made for "waist high gardens" (to the rear), benches and picnic tables as well as pathway accessibility.

For plantings, Mr. Rebmann suggested high bush cranberries as these are attractive and draw birds and butterflies. He will obtain prices for several sizes. Mr. Penrose further noted that whatever the commission does plant must adjust to shady conditions.

There being no other business, Mr. Penrose closed the meeting.

