

The Lewisboro Lake Committee meeting: July 22, 2009

Present:

“members”

Mark Patek

Paul Lewis

David Neuburger

Jeff Mear

Ron Tetelman

Guests:

Janet Andersen, Chairman Lewisboro CAC, member Lewisboro Stormwater Committee

Dan Welsh – Lewisboro Town Board.

Absent,

David Sachs

Paul Gallagher

Jack Cedarholm

Rob Cummings

Eric Stand

Diane Doesserich – (Lake Katonah)

Paul Milliot (Timber Lake)

Meeting started 7:40pm

Notes from Planning Board sent to Lake Committee prior to the meeting: The Planning Board has been receiving a number of letters from homeowners seeking relief from the mitigation for a wetland activity permit requiring them to have their septic systems pumped and inspected on an annual basis. At the last meeting the Board felt that it may be productive to hear from the lake communities with regard to this mitigation measure. The Planning Board has been utilizing this mitigation when granting a wetland activity permit for additions to homes on lakes. What they want to know was whether or not the lake associations support this practice and whether they have any additional ideas for mitigation. This will be a general discussion, not specific to any particular application. It should present a good opportunity for dialogue between the Planning Board and the lake committee representatives.

Discussion notes:

All structures should be inspected including tank, junction boxes, etc. To get annual inspections need to have septic pumped. Many of us already pump yearly.

New law will say pump every 5 years but 5 years is a long time.

How many septic companies actually do a serious inspection?

Wetland buffer activity requires mitigation. Is annual septic inspection a valid form of mitigation?

If new system built to code, then annual might make be too often. However, things could break in a year. There is a reason you do not want this in the buffer. If the person were to put in new filters to stop phosphorus ec, it could be a form of mitigation. Putting in a White Knight could be done by homeowner, but not required by Planning Board. White Knight is last resort system for poorly functioning systems.

County will require towns to set a minimum requirement for pumping. Must be a minimum of 5.

It seems as if annual pumping is only real option that Planning Board can do to require home owner to do relative to septics. Should it be one year or two? Note that this mitigation is only for Planning Board reviewed wetland activity such as 600 sq ft of additional impervious surface.

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Compromise consensus:

If in any wetland buffer should require this:

Initial inspection, preferably functional, If house has been vacant or seasonal, annual inspections for 3 years then every two years, otherwise every two years.

Other items discussed:

Truesdale project should get advertised this week.

David N raised concern that DEC difficult to get weed treatment approval while other part of DEC encouraging weed removal. Jan said that this year was a legal issue with EPA which should be resolved.

Jack Cedarholm has resigned, Paul suggests that Jan take his place to represent Rippowan. We need to get note from Jack resigning.

Meet adjourned 8:41

Next meetings

Planning Board August 11

Lake Committee Wednesday September 30