

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:33 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, Susan Allman, Jackie Andrew
Absent: Barbara Cragan, Frank Mattioli, Pat Ryan, Pete Wesley
Also Present: Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk
Mr. Thomas O'Connor, 249 Biltmore Drive
Natalie Karney, Land Technology

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
November 6, 2007**

The Minutes of the November 6, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Susan Allman moved that the Minutes of the November 6, 2007 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 November 6, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Variance Request-239 Beachview Lane

A. Code Section VC-4-5A-7E6: The septic tank and lift station shall be a minimum of 10 feet from the dwelling and the septic field shall be a minimum of 20 feet from the dwelling.

Mr. Tom O'Connor approached the Commission and explained his plans for the recently purchased home at 239 Beachview Lane. Mr. O'Connor has submitted plans for the conversion of an existing screen porch into a kitchen/breakfast area along with the construction of two wood decks. Mr. O'Connor stated that by converting the existing screen porch into a functioning kitchen, the resale value of the property will be greatly increased. The conversion of the screen porch into the kitchen/breakfast area creates a violation of the Village septic system setback requirements

Health Officer Natalie Karney stated she had no objection to the plans. However, Ms. Karney suggested the installation of an aerator system which would possibly add longevity to the existing septic system.

Chairman Gery Herrmann stated his concern that up until this point in time, the existing septic system has had very little use and its condition cannot be accurately determined.

The Commission discussed adding the installation of an aerator system as a condition of the variance request. Natalie Karney stated there have been no recent violations and no updates or changes to the existing septic system.

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved that the Environmental and Health Commission recommend approval of the variance request to Code Section VC-4-5A-7E6 allowing the existing septic tank to be 7 feet from the structure instead of the required 10 feet and the existing septic field to be 19 feet from the structure instead of the required 20 feet; seconded by Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

<u>By Roll Call:</u>	Ayes:	Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Susan Allman, Jackie Andrew
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Barbara Cragan, Frank Mattioli, Pat Ryan, Pete Wesley
	Abstain:	None

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the motion approved and the recommendation passed on to the Village Board.

4. Update by Chairman Herrmann of Leaf Ordinance Status

Chairman Gery Herrmann explained to the Commission that the Village Attorney was currently drafting the language for a final Leaf Burning Ordinance which will be voted on at the December 17, 2007 Board of Trustee's Meeting. Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper voiced his opinion that he would still like to see the Village of North Barrington negotiate its garbage pickup with Waste Management to include leaf pickup.

5. Update by Chairman Herrmann of Village Flint Creek Walk and Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

Chairman Herrmann referred the Commission to the book containing a full color detailed report of the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership plan. He also pointed out that the entire report will be available on line shortly. Chairman Herrmann stated that he is a proponent of the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership and will encourage the Board to involve the Environmental and Health Commission with any projects involving Flint Creek within the Village. The Commission plans to review the detailed report of the Flint Creek walk by Village officials that took place November 17, 2007 and agreed that walking the creek was beneficial. The possibility of obtaining additional grant money for the Flint Creek cleanup was discussed. The Environmental and Health Commission would also like to proceed with contacting the Village residents who live along Flint Creek to initiate their involvement.

6. SWALCO Update

Chairman Gery Herrmann distributed the SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) calendar of meetings for 2008 and explained that Mr. Walter Willis is the new executive director of SWALCO. The Commission discussed the feasibility of a representative from the Village attending the meetings. The Deputy Clerk will contact the alternative Trustee appointed to SWALCO. The Commission agreed that SWALCO was a good resource of services as it focuses on recycling and is environmentally conscious.

7. Old/New Business

Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper presented the initial design and cost estimates for the proposed Village Entrance Beautification sites. Vice Chairman Kramper will contact Trustee Lawre Weiner with the information.

8. 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 8:35 p.m. Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held February 5, 2008.

ATTEST:

Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

