

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:35 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: Natalie Karney, Village Health and Sanitation Officer
Camille Koertner, Village Trustee
Kris Lennon, Deputy Village Clerk

2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting July 13, 2010

The Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved that the Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting be approved; seconded by Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Septic Maintenance Ordinance

Natalie Karney, Village Health and Sanitation Officer, submitted a draft for an “operating permit” that was based on the draft created by Mr. Haas. Chairman Kramper asked Ms. Karney if much had been changed from the previous draft, as far as information. Ms. Karney stated that only minor changes were made. There was an addition on the second page to include “corrective measures completed” as well as a portion taken from the Village’s normal septic permit application added to the potential operating permit. Ms. Karney then asked the Commission for suggestions.

Vice Chairman Kalinowski asked if the contractor completed the portion from “Existing Sewage Disposal System” to the end. Ms. Karney stated that they would and Vice Chairman Kalinowski suggested a divider be placed between the top portion of the operating permit and the part that the contractor would complete; this would make it clearer to residents as to which part they are responsible for completing. It was also suggested that the font size could be reduced in order to make the form shorter. There was some discussion from the Commission regarding the general format and ways to

improve it including less spacing, centering items, etc. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that she would work with the formatting and email the revisions to the Commission for suggestions.

Chairman Kramper asked why there was space left for two different addresses. Ms. Karney stated that one would be used for the owner's address and one would be used for the property's address which may not be the same. Vice Chairman Kalinowski asked why the number of dens/studies was pertinent. Ms. Karney stated that it was taken from the septic permit application and sometimes those rooms are used as bedrooms. She also stated that the "type of system" category that was on the original application is no longer on the revised draft. Ms. Karney stated that "type of field" would represent the same thing and is found on the revised draft. Mr. Haas stated that he felt as if the "seepage field" category would go beyond the scope of this inspection. Vice Chairman Kalinowski suggested that the "seepage field" category be limited to "condition of seepage field" and Ms. Karney suggested changing "type of field" to "type of disposal field." Chairman Kramper reviewed the comments made by the Commission stating that it would be ideal to have the operating permit be only one page in length, and also to delineate what portion is to be completed by the contractor. A copy of the operating permit will be sent to all contractors/inspectors on the approved list with along with a cover letter ahead of time so that they will be familiar with the information and know what they are expected to complete. Chairman Kramper is going to work on a draft cover letter and send it to Ms. Karney for review.

Chairman Kramper told the Commission that Kathy Nelander, Village Administrator/Village Clerk, had prepared a spread sheet to be used as a resident check list and database. The Commission reviewed the information. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that she liked the organization of the potential database information. Trustee Koertner requested that the Septic Ordinance be included on August's Village Board Meeting Agenda. Ms. Karney will distribute a copy of the ordinance at the upcoming Staff Meeting for review as well.

4. Flint Creek Project –Educational Aspect

Chairman Kramper asked the Commission for any suggestions or ideas on resident's educational involvement. He stated that this would include getting home owners who live along the path of the creek to work with the Village on maintenance and moving forward. Vice Chairman Kalinowski and Chairman Kramper stated that everyone, whether living along the creek or not, should be informed of the educational aspects because everyone's property will eventually affect the creek. Chairman Kramper also stated that while general information should be sent to everyone, the Commission could send additional information, specific to the property location. The additional information would explain how maintenance would be for the residents' benefit and how the Village and the resident will share the maintenance responsibility. There was some discussion from the Commission regarding how to target the information. Ms. Andrew suggested placing an article in the Village newsletter about the creek and maintenance including things such as updates about the creek, goals for creek maintenance, and tasks that residents can manage themselves that will help the creek.

Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that residents want to help the creek and their own individual properties but don't know what to do and need more resources and knowledge. Chairman Kramper asked each Commission member to come to the next meeting with detailed, concrete ideas that would address the value of the creek and frequently asked questions. Ms. Karney suggested the use of informational DVD's for residents. These DVD's could include opinions of residents, before and after stories, as well as involving residents' ideas. The Commission agreed that this would be beneficial to look into and could potentially spur interest in children as well. Vice Chairman Kalinowski suggested

tying this into the septic maintenance ordinance which would further show residents the importance of both and how they work together. The Commission discussed the need to obtain financial information available for educational aspects for this project.

5. Old/New Business

Ms. Andrew stated that the coyotes in the area continue to pose a risk to dogs and residents need to be aware of this issue. Ms. Allman stated that there is a paragraph on the Village website regarding coyotes and links to further information about them.

Trustee Koertner asked the Commission if they wanted to recommend a second cleaning of the creek since there was another big rainstorm event.

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski moved that the Environmental and Health Commission recommend that the Village conduct another debris removal of Flint Creek after they heavy storms; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous

Chairman Kramper declared the motion approved.

Trustee Koertner stated that at the last Village Board meeting, new information became available to the Board stating that it would be most beneficial to conduct normal seeding in 2010, and then come back with native grasses in 2011. Trustee Koertner also stated that after reviewing three bids, as the Environmental and Health Commission recommended, Trillium received the bid. There was some discussion about using other areas or project sites as examples of stabilization and combining them with the North Barrington project

6. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski 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 8:33 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission "Special" Meeting held September 14, 2010.

ATTEST:

_____, Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

