

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF  
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 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 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,  
Barbara Cragan, Jackie Andrew, Susan Allman, Patty Kalinowski  
Absent: Pete Wesley  
Also Present: Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Barrington Area Conservation Trust  
Tim Moritz, Tallgrass Restoration, LLC  
Natalie Karney, Village Health Officer, Land Technology  
Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting  
January 6, 2009**

The Minutes of the January 6, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission. Some changes were made to the Minutes.

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Minutes of the January 6, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved as amended; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Minutes of the January 6, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved as amended and put on file.

**3. Update on Flint Creek**

Chairman Gery Herrmann complimented the Tallgrass Restoration, LLC workers at the preliminary Flint Creek Restoration Project stream bank restoration site, located at the corner of Rugby Road and Essex Drive. The deadline for completion has been extended due to recent weather restrictions. The Village Forester reported that she has been taking pictures and documenting trees damaged in the process, as they will need to be replaced.

Nancy Schumm-Burgess from BACTrust (Barrington Area Conservation Trust) approached the Commission and explained that the February 11, 2009 Special Meetings, to be held in two parts, will summarize the program for all Village residents, as well as provide an opportunity to ask questions.

The first Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. will be held for those residents adjacent to the Flint Creek. The second Special Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. for all Village residents. Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained that the Village's intent is to continue working all the way down the creek over a period of at least two years. There will be an item power point presentation, along with discussion of the role of the residents working with the Village to complete and maintain the project. The first resident education program will be held April 25, 2009 at the Village Hall to celebrate Arbor Day, with the first 50 residents receiving an oak tree. There will be two guest speakers, Neil Dibold and Connor Shaw, who will present informational material on plants, trees and woody species which can be planted to protect the watershed.

Ms. Schumm-Burgess emphasized that the Flint Creek Watershed Project should be looked at as a slow, thorough process which will show benefits both now and in the future.

Mr. Tim Moritz from Tallgrass Restoration, LLC approached the Commission to explain the work currently in progress at Rugby Road and Essex Lane. A total of five acres has been cleared of invasive buckthorn and continuation of clearing down the stream bank will be done on a site by site basis. Mr. Moritz explained that work will eventually continue both southbound and northbound. The initial proposed 5 acre boundary area has been cleared as of now, with a considerable amount of stumping left. Mr. Moritz is preparing an additional proposal for springtime work. Ms. Barbara Cragan mentioned the concern of some neighbors in regards to the disruption of animal habitat.

There was lengthy discussion about engaging the residents throughout the project, as well as the time frame for beginning work in the creek water. Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained the current project as a creek accessibility issue. The Army Corps of Engineers would need to become involved for the actual creek work.

#### **4. Discussion of Septic Tank Maintenance Ordinance**

Chairman Gery Herrmann asked the Commission to refer to the draft Septic Tank Maintenance Ordinance prepared by Environmental and Health Commission Member Patty Kalinowski. Village Health Officer Natalie Karney approached the Commission with her review comments. Ms. Karney suggested creation of a Maintenance Log for resident and Village use. Chairman Herrmann mentioned that the Village Board would prefer to start with resident education prior to passing an ordinance. A fee would also need to be assessed to defray administrative costs.

There was lengthy discussion about whether the Village can impose and enforce such an ordinance. The Commission agreed that septic maintenance runs parallel to the Flint Creek Watershed Project and overall water quality within the Village. Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper asked if there would be exceptions for residents who have county required pumping of their septic tank every five years.

The Commission reviewed some of the language in the draft so as to be specific to the Village of North Barrington. The Wynstone community would not be part of maintenance program since it has its own on site waste system. Chairman Gery Herrmann will communicate the changes and additions with Patty Kalinowski.

Chairman Herrmann stated his intent is provide an ordinance for the Village Board to review and thanked the Commission for their support.

**5. Old/New Business**

Village Forester Susan Allman announced the Arbor Day event would be held at 9:00 a.m. April 25, 2009 at the Village Hall. Chairman Gery Herrmann encouraged the Commission to read the Citizens for Conservation Report at [www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org).

**6. Adjournment**

Motion: Barbara Cragan moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:50 p.m. Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held March 3, 2009.

ATTEST:

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Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk



