

Village of Croton-on-Hudson
Water Control Commission Meeting of
March 18, 2014

PRESENT: Stuart Greenbaum, Chair
Ian Arturo (by telephone)
Mark Goldfarb
Charles Kane
Gail Sasso

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel O'Connor, Village Engineer

1. Call to Order.

The Water Control Commission Meeting of March, 18, 2014 was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. New Business:

Review of Water Control Commission procedures.

New Board member, Ian Arturo, joined the meeting by telephone. Gail Sasso, also a new Board member, introduced herself to the rest of the Board and the Village Engineer, Dan O'Connor.

The Village Engineering Department had put together two binders of reference materials, that will be helpful to the new as well as old members of the Board, and these were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Chairman Greenbaum then turned the meeting over to Mr. O'Connor to lead the review.

Mr. O'Connor started off with Village Code Chapter 227 - Wetlands. He explained that this document included important definitions and procedures to be used by the Water Control Commission in its decisions, recommendations, and determinations, and whether or not it would recommend or approve wetland permits. There was extensive discussion regarding the definition of wetlands. Mr. O'Connor pointed out that each community or municipality could have its own definition.

The group then looked at the State Environmental Quality Review Administration (SEQRA) Handbook. Mr. O'Connor explained that this manual would help Board members review actions with respect to their environmental impact. He added that some projects would be exempt from this review, such as a single-family house.

Mr. O'Connor then used an engineering drawing (integrated plot plan) of the Final Subdivision for the Croton Community Nursery School as an example to help clarify some of the definitions and terms that had been discussed.

The next document up for review was the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (L.W.R.P.) which is the Local law based on State regulations. It comprises State and Village policies. Mr. O'Connor explained that only Policy 1 was a State policy and that all the other policies in the L.W.R.P. were Local policies. He also mentioned that the document included explanations of the policies.

Along with the L.W.R.P., Mr. O'Connor referred to the Short Environmental Assessment Form (S.A.F.) and the Coastal Assessment Form (C.A.F.) which were included in the reference materials. He explained that the S.A.F. deals with State regulations while the C.A.F. deals with Local regulations.

Mr. Kane added that in his opinion, the L.W.R.P. was one of the Village's most important documents.

Mr. O'Connor also added that the Village Board had placed an update of the L.W.R.P. on its Agenda due to the fact that the document was more than twenty years old and that some of the policies were outdated.

Also included in the documents was Village Code Chapter 225 - Waterfront Revitalization. The 617: State Environmental Quality Review document (not included in the SEQRA Handbook) was then distributed at the meeting.

Ms. Sasso then asked if there were any upcoming WCC applications. Mr. O'Connor said there were two that would probably be coming before the Board soon. One is a Con Edison project for a conduit installation which would involve horizontal directional drilling under the Croton River, and the other is an application that is currently before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board members commented that they thought the review was very helpful.

3. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Cruz
Secretary, Water Control Commission