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From: Kay Webster
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RESORT TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Resort Township Hall
2232 Resort Pike, Petoskey, Mi. 49770
(231) 347-7915
Tuesday, 4 August 2009; 7:00 p.m.
unapproved minutes

A Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call meeting to order. The meeting was called to order by the vice chair, Leo Simon, at 7:04 pm.

C. Roll Call: Present were: Leo, Lucy, Chuck, Mark, Tom, Absent were: Al, and Jennifer

D. Approval of the Agenda: motion by Sanback, second by Simon. Ayes all, nays none

E. Public Hearings: none scheduled

F. Brief Public Comment: none

G. Communications to the Committee: Larry Houghton presented an overview of wetlands that exist within the Resort Township legal boundaries. This presentation

was enhanced by various computer programs owned by the Township. Larry was able to, among other things, to show overlays including soil types, amount of acres

in wetlands, who owns the land, how wet various of the lands are, which parts of the wetlands are in land protection programs of one type or another. The purpose of the

presentation was educational as the committee considers language for a wetlands protection ordinance to offer for the Board's consideration. A lively discussion

ensued covering subjects as diverse as what constitutes wetlands, how large are they, what position could the Board assume in the enforcement of a wetlands

ordinance, are there other ordinances that with some additional wording would work towards the same end and be considered during the permit review process. In

addition, Larry showed an overlay displaying a windspeed map from the State indicating windspeeds recorded from 30 meters height. The map clearly showed the

greatest potential for wind generation off-shore, in our region. The map showed average speeds of over 11 miles per hour, and higher, at on-shore sites in our Township.

Lucy asked Larry to provide a report for our next meeting to include the total acreage of wetlands that exists within the Township, how many acres of both poorly

and very poorly drained exist. How many acres are currently in preservation programs and/or are undevelopable,

H. Reports From the Members ,none.

I. Reports to the Members, none

J. Unfinished Business: Lucy stated the vouchers continue to roll in.

K. New Business: Larry will return to our next meeting, Leo to remind Al to remind Larry.

L. Announcements:Our next meeting will on September 1, 2009.

M. Webster made a motion to adjourn, Simon seconded, ayes-all, nays-none. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Webster, where are you Jennifer?