

Meeting Minutes

Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee (ERAC)

December 14, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Attendance

Staff: Rachael Thorn and Hollie Squires, the Recording Secretary to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee

Members Present: Elaine Chiosso, Alicia Koblansky, Frank Stillo, Amy Fulford, Adam Ayers, Diana Hales, Connor Jarvis, Mary Beth Koza, Jeannie Ambrose, Laura McKelvey

Members Absent: Heather Holley, Rachel Phaneuf

1. Call to Order @6:32 pm

2. Approval of meeting minutes – Moved to next meeting.

3. Public Input: None

4. EIA Review of West Intake Partnership

Review is in attached document.

Laural McKelvey motioned to approve. Adam Ayers seconded the motion.

“ERAC finds the EIA to be complete with the provided comments and questions for consideration by the Planning Board and the applicant.”

5. EIA Review of Asphalt Plant to be moved to next meeting.

6. Announcements and Updates:

- **Planning Board Update from Jeannie Ambrose.**
 - UDO subcommittee met November 30th. They reviewed two different sections on the general subdivision standards and the conservation of open spaces. Section 6.3 is tree protection. The position of county arborist was not included but the Chair Jon Spoon thought that it should be added because there are so many decisions that need to be made by a certified arborist.
 - There was a disagreement over the 50% of open space ERAC had suggested. A minimum of open space must be natural space.
 - The subcommittee wants to change the rights to appeal to ERAC and not the Planning Board.
 - Planning Board met Dec. 5th and approved Womble Farm
 - A new RV and Boat storage was approved.
- **Climate Change Update from Alicia Koblansky.**
 - The Natural Heritage Foundation will be doing a natural resource survey next year.
- **ERAC Member Updates**

- Alicia Koblansky is the liaison to the UDO Subcommittee. Alicia would like to go over the UDO chapters and compile comments to take to the next meeting.
- Elaine and Alicia reported the annual report to the Board of Commissioners and brought up if ERAC could be given special environmental projects and issues for ERAC to give advice on. BOC replied by asking what projects they would like input on. Alicia has asked ERAC if they can think of ideas to bring to the BOC and to make a list in a future meeting.

7. Adjournment @8:24 Motioned by Marybeth Koza and seconded by Amy Fulford.
Roll call unanimously passed.

Next meeting will be January 11th, 2024.