

# TOWN OF CARRBORO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY



Meeting on May 1st, 2008 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall

Board Members		Guests	Staff
Carolyn Buckner	Tom Mullen	Steve Berge	Randy Dodd
Bob Taylor, Chair	Andreas Hay	Alice Mine	
Jennifer Everett, Vice-chair	Randee Haven O'Donnell (absent)	Alena Callimanis	

### Call to Order

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

### Appointments

Lynn Weller was accepted (unanimously) as a new member of the EAB

### Tilley Farm

The EAB approved recommendations for the concept plan review of Tilley Farm by unanimous vote.

### Village Mixed Use Day Care Use Impervious Surface Text Amendment

Trish McGuire provided a presentation and answered questions on the proposed text amendment. The initiation of consideration of the amendment was encouragement by the BOA for locating day care in residential areas. (The Planning Board approved the draft text amendment in April.) This presentation went into depth on the history, intention, and considerations for this text amendment. The text amendment is being considered at the request of the Winmore developers. The amendment provides for encouragement (rather than requirement) of the inclusion in day care developments that benefit from the exception to impervious surface limitations of features that would mitigate environmental impacts from storm water, greenhouse gas emissions, water use, et cetera. Trish reviewed the staff memo, noting that the "impervious surface limitation" derived from "lot coverage" requirements in Loudon County, Virginia and that there was no indication that this requirement was related to water quality. Trish reported on the projected increases in imperviousness with the addition of a daycare center on the lot being considered. Trish offered to check with Eric Chupp to see if he can present more information to the EAB about the request and preliminary plans for proceeding should the amendment be approved, and asked the EAB to prepare any questions for consideration.

The EAB also received citizen comment on the text amendment and the implications for the siting of a day care facility at Winmore. Alena Callimanis, Steve Berge, and Alice Mine offered comments in opposition to the text amendment given environmental impacts, the risk of setting a precedent, and what has been observed about the Goddard company and their site in Morrisville.

### Peak Oil Presentation

The EAB participated in a meeting with the Planning Board and Transition Advisory Board to receive a presentation from NC Powerdown, a citizen's group, on the topic of Peak Oil. This presentation was designed to both provide a general education on the topic of Peak Oil as well as initiate consideration of steps Carrboro could consider to prepare for future change associated with Peak Oil.

### Village Mixed Use Day Care Use Impervious Surface Text Amendment

After the joint advisory board meeting, the EAB had a continued discussion about the proposed text amendment in which concerns about previous buffer encroachment, increased imperviousness. The EAB will consider their response prior to public hearing scheduled for June 24. Carolyn offered to draft a response for consideration.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for June, 2008, 6:30 pm at Town Hall.