



Draft Minutes
November 14, 2013

**MINUTES OF THE ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
November 14, 2013**

Mr. Valentino opened the Enforcement Committee at 2:30 p.m.

Enforcement Committee Members Present: William Valentino (Acting Enforcement Committee Chair), Richard Booth, Karen Feldman, Arthur Lussi, William Thomas

Other Members or Designees Present: Robert Stegemann (DEC), Bradley Austin (DED), Dierdre Scozzafava (DOS)

Agency Staff Present: John Burth (Enforcement Program Supervisor)

Others Present: Frederick Monroe (Executive Director, Local Government Review Board)

Enforcement Program Report for November 14, 2013: Enforcement Program Supervisor John Burth presented the enforcement program report to the Committee. Mr. Burth noted the Inter-Division Coordination table is an addition to the report. This table captures the work that Enforcement Officers are doing in other divisions to increase efficiency. It includes jurisdictional determinations, assigned project applications, permit review site visits, permit compliance site visits and shoreline photo inventories.

Sales Web Presentation Mr. Burth explained what the salesweb is and how it works. Milt Adams searches the web each month by county, town, date range and to review new subdivisions undertaken in the Park. He can find a detailed report on each sale and use Agency records and GIS to research for potential violations. This tool allows staff to immediately identify and address any violations.

When staff started using this tool in 2008 there were 600 unresolved old subdivision violations. Presently there are 133 open cases, and only 56 of these involve potential subdivisions.

Mr. Burth said most alleged subdivision violations are self-reported; 26 cases in 2013. Chairwoman Ulrich asked if staff

could compare this year's numbers with years past. Mr. Burth said he will work on that.

Mr. Lussi asked why anyone would self-report. Mr. Burth answered most come from JIFs and the landowner may not know of the violation.

Executive Director Martino said self-reporting is based on the notion that people come in to do the right thing by submitting a JIF and then the violation is found. She said this was a significant consideration when the Agency worked on the civil penalty guidance and in the past received input from the Local Government Review Board.

Chairwoman Ulrich said it may be landowners are thinking of the future and want to clear up any violations. She didn't think that would have happened 20-30 years ago.

No Old Business

No New Business

The Enforcement Committee adjourned at 2:50 p.m.