

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 13, 2008; 7:30 PM  
Pequannock Town Hall  
Second Floor Conference Room

*Minutes*

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call  
*(Tom N., Anita, Jim, Frank, Jen, Tom A., Joe, Marty)*
- C) Public Comments  
*(None)*
- D) Special Presentation – Ross Kushner, Executive Director, Pequannock River Coalition, updating Pequannock’s ERI (Environmental Resource Inventory).  
*Ross spoke to John Thonet who did our original ERI.  
Most of the data is in the appendix, he would like to move appendix data to main document.  
Ross wants to update the ERI with GIS data while expanding some sections.  
He will work in our budget.  
Substantial cost is printing the document.  
To just update and convert to digital he expects the cost to be around \$4,000-\$6,000  
Tom Newman said he would like the GIS shape files from the ERI, Ross agreed.  
All pages will be kept 8 ½ by 11 inches.  
Ross expects it would take four months to do the work and is OK with giving a Power Point presentation at the end of the project.  
We still need a firm price from Ross. (We are putting the final changes on our ANJEC grant application. Once it is done we will get input and prices from consultants.)  
(We need to see the town’s Master Plan and the Park and Recreation Master Plan.)*
- E) Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes  
1/09/2008  
*Approved by Jim, Anita, and Frank*
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.)  
*In 2007 we spent all of our money.  
Spent \$330 on ANJEC membership with ability to attend most workshops free.  
\$670 balance.*
- G) Chairperson’s Report (Tom N.)

*Sub-committee on ANJEC Grant will meet on 2/20/08, Tom N, Tom A, Anita, and Frank.*

H) **Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)**

*The property owner at number 136 on Sunset is being giving one more year before foreclosure to try to build on property.*

*The Council turned down a quad donation that was for the Park Rangers.*

*Seven dams make up the Wanaque Reservoir. The Manager is getting the safety plans and dam failure projections.*

*Council had a joint meeting with the BOE. Looking into a student's study of solar panels on High School roof. Will look into what can be done on municipal buildings.*

*With input from Environmental Commission, the Mayor's River Clean-up Day is set for April 26. Jen will notify the High School.*

*DPW stream and ditch clean-up report out soon.*

*Working on an ordinance on cell phone antennas.*

I) **Planning Board Liaison Report (Marty)**

*New Plans expected for Castle Project and expect to discuss at 2/25 Meeting.*

J) **Open Space Liaison Report (Frank)**

*River Walk I is just about complete and will be an actual walk. River Walk II will include the Shotmeyer property near Woodland Lake.*

K) **Old Business**

1) **Jen update on work with High School Environmental Club.**

*Jen will contact the student in Environmental Club that did the work on solar panel project report.*

*They are having a bracelet sale.*

*The energy audit has started.*

*Jen will let High School Environmental Club know about the 4/26 River Clean up.*

*Jen is looking into starting an Environmental Club at North Boulevard School.*

2) **Jen update on Ho Down respondents indicating interest in Environmental Commission.**

*Nothing new*

3) **Tom N, ask Shade Tree Commission about arborist.**

*Nothing new*

4) **Tom A and Tom N will talk to ANJEC about how to increase chances of receiving a grant in 2008.**

*Done by Tom N.*

5) **Was ANJEC membership fee paid?**

*Yes and the check was cashed.*

6) **Comments on Environmental Commission Site Plan Review Checklist and Guidelines from Joe.**

*Joe suggested Mary distribute to Planning Board.*

- 7) Get Septic Article written by Tom N, to Antoinette for email newsletter.  
*Done by Tom A.*
- 8) Send out updated Environmental Commission member list.  
*Done by Tom A.*
- 9) Work on Environmental Commission's Website, (Member list, and Links need updates)  
*Done by Tom A.*
- 10) Electronics recycling, maybe a company in Rockaway  
*Flyer handed out by Jim at last meeting, Free recycling of equipment 5/2/2008 and 5/3/2008 by Dialogic in Parsippany, (973) 485-9100.*
- 11) Comments for Gallo/Matlosz project on Sunset Road for Planning Board, M2008-001  
*Comments made by Tom N and put in Planning Board box by Tom A.*
- 12) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections.  
*Nothing new.*

L) New Business

- 1) Contact other companies that can update our ERI.  
*Ross came to this meeting, now have heard from two consultants.*
- 2) PV Park water quality/clarity.  
*To be discussed.*
- 3) Summary of the January 15, 2008, ANJEC meeting to discuss how Highlands regulations will affect towns.  
*Pequannock has 90% in Highlands Planning Area and 10% in Protection Area, can still opt into the Protection Area.*
- 4) Should seedlings be ordered from Morris County Soil Conservation District?  
*Tom A will look into, if done no more than 10 items.*
- 5) Do Minutes by next Council Meeting.  
*Working on.*
- 6) ANJEC Grant Application, Deadline Monday, March 31, 2008  
*Working On, meeting held 2/20/2008.*
- 7) Article to Antoinette for email newsletter on Household Hazardous Waste Day, May 10, 2008  
*Needs to be done.*

M) Correspondence ( M – Mail, E – Email )

- 1) M2008-013
  - a) From – State of NJ DEP Division of Land Use Regulation
  - b) Date – 12/27/2007

- c) Subject – Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation-Line Verification Extension
  - d) Action – For our Information
  - e) Details – Wetlands and water boundary line on 1/28/2002 map for Lot 1, Block 250, Extended to July 24,2012
- 2) M2008-014
- a) From – State of NJ DEP Land Use Regulation Program
  - b) Date – 1/4/2008
  - c) Subject – Approvals for Stream Encroachment
  - d) Action – For our Information
  - e) Details – DeGroot Holdings, LLC doing construction and renovation near East Ditch
- 3) M2008-015
- a) From – Pennoni Associates, Inc.
  - b) Date – 1/7/2008
  - c) Subject – NJ Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act, Letter of Interpretation, Greenview Park
  - d) Action – Keep copy for public review, For or information
  - e) Details – Copy of a permit application package
- 4) M2008-016
- a) From – Hudson City Savings Bank
  - b) Date – 1/2008
  - c) Subject – Tax Document
  - d) Action – Passed to Town’s Finance Department, Dave Hollberg  
*Nothing to do with Environmental Commission but Dave needed.*
  - e) Details – Report of interest income for tax purposes
- 5) M2008-017
- a) From – Ross Kushner, Pequannock River Coalition
  - b) Date – 1/2008
  - c) Subject – Riverdale NRI sample
  - d) Action – For Our Information, Searching for ERI update firm for our ERI
  - e) Details – The Natural Resources Inventory for Riverdale, NJ
- 6) M2008-018
- a) From – David Silver
  - b) Date – “Received 1/23/2008”
  - c) Subject – Request for public records on 700 Newark-Pompton Turnpike
  - d) Action – *No records found.*

- e) Details – Environmental Concerns, Violations, Enforcements or test results regarding any potable and monitoring wells
- 7) M2008-019
- a) From – Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)
  - b) Date – 1/15/2008
  - c) Subject – ANJEC Smart Growth Planning Assistance grants of up to \$20,000
  - d) Action – Apply for a grant to update our ERI
  - e) Details – Details on the ANJEC grant, I will scan and email the information separately
- 8) M2008-020
- a) From – Township of Pequannock Board of Adjustment, Land Development Review
  - b) Date – 1/25/2008
  - c) Subject – Verizon Cell Phone antennas and associated equipment on the top of Chilton Hospital
  - d) Action – *No comments made.*
  - e) Details – The public hearing on this is set for March 6, 2008.
- 9) M2008-021
- a) From – Morris County Soil Conservation District
  - b) Date – 1/31/2008
  - c) Subject – Greenwood Ave Sewers are in non-compliance
  - d) Action – Letter to Manager, for our information
  - e) Details –.All areas where construction took place need to be stabilized with seed and mulch
- 10) M2008-022
- a) From – Kevin F. Boyle, Township Manager
  - b) Date – 2/1/2008
  - c) Subject – New Jersey Municipalities February 2008
  - d) Action –.None, for our information
  - e) Details – An article on moving communities toward a more environmental conscious operation
- 11) M2008-023
- a) From – Morris County Soil Conservation District
  - b) Date – No Date
  - c) Subject – Celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day in April 2008 by purchasing tree seedlings
  - d) Action – If chose to, we can purchase seedlings
  - e) Details – White Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, Common Lilac or Kousa Dogwood

- 12) M2008-024
  - a) From – Unknown
  - b) Date – No Date
  - c) Subject – Pequannock Township 2008 Department & Telephone extensions
  - d) Action – None, for our information
  - e) Details – List of departments with extension and/or phone numbers.

N) Calendar

- 1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands.
- 2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.
- 3) February 27, 2008 at 6:45PM in Bedminster, ANJEC New Flood Hazard Area Rules & Stream Protect
- 4) March 31, 2008 - Deadline – Apply for 2008 ANJEC grant.
- 5) April 22, 2008 – Earth Day –
- 6) April 26, 2008 – River Clean-up Day
- 7) May 10, 2008, Household Hazardous Waste collection day in town.

O) Adjournment

### Mission Statement

We represent the public and its long-term interests as local environmental advocates. We work towards these goals by: advising the town council and the planning and zoning boards about a wide range of environmental issues that affect the town; advocating for open-space preservation; keeping residents informed of environmental issues; promoting environmental education; and working with neighboring commissions and other organizations to meet these goals.