

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 8, 2008; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Frank, Jen, Tom A., Lisa, Joe)
- C) Public Comments
John Petersen avid outdoorsman attended the meeting to listen. He is concerned about the effect of the dams in town. Dam by TD Bank, John sees a dead zone at the bottom of the Dam.
- D) Special Presentations
None
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
9/10/2008 *Lisa and Frank*
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) – 10/6/2008 – *about \$248 approx. balance, Copies \$0.03 each at town hall.*
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - a) *ERI press releases (NJ.com 9/12; Suburban Trends 9/24) – T.Newman to scan and send to ANJEC per requirement.*
 - b) *Ho Down – success!! Thanks to Jen for getting the citations on the inserts, and to Jen, Lisa, Jim, Frank for manning the booth! Followup questions with several residents (one on N.Boulevard fields, one on recycling question) Winner was a resident of Wayne. Roberta Ryniak - 25 Stylon Road. Frank will send a photo to Steve Janowski.*
 - c) *ERI Maps – have been coordinating with Ross; suggestions made. Also submitted tables retyped (some need to be updated). Frank forwarded Open Space info and cell towers – thanks (remaining questions to be resolved.) Also, confirm 1995 Master Plan is the latest? (Thomas Newman sent this to Ross).*
 - d) *Still have Brookside residence to follow up on as part of the Blue Line investigation.*
 - e) *Recycling containers at parks/schools (certainly at Ho Down next year!) - what can the EC do? Parks & Rec got a grant for containers – the pickup is a problem.*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
 - a) *Extend lighting on Washington Field issue. Resident runs a fall baseball league for 10-11 yr olds. Now a strict regulation on when can/cannot play on*

fields. Lighting on w/ends prohibited, but P&R can relax the ordinance, this is what the resident wanted to pursue on Fri nights and Saturday nights. Some residents objected to it with letters.

b) Presentation Mike Simone Crew Engineering on water blending facility – all would be on West Parkway by Foothills park. Holding tank by 3 wells, one of which is high in sodium/calcium. Can blend Newark water (soft) with ours to soften our water. 100 ft tall tank is one proposal, another is a ground level. Small structure with computerized valves run remotely to adjust valves. Use about \$60K /yr in Newark water (small cost). Cost of facility \$1.1M (\$2.2 ground; \$2.8 is tower).

I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Marty)

J) Open Space Liaison Report (Frank)

a) Mtg Monday night – presentation upcoming for Woodland Lake Oct 22, 8:45pm to Morris County at Library in Morristown. Pequannock purchase of Rt 23 Shotmeyer property. How much \$ submitted by each party (Pequannock, Land Conservancy, Grants)

b) Open Space property list – Frank gave to Ross Kushner.

c) Another property island (Speciale property) looking to purchase.

K) Garbage Committee Report (Frank)

No Recent meeting will be having one soon.

L) Business

1) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections:

Nothing new, Tom A. will work on planning for November or December start.

2) PV Park water quality/clarity.

Joe is working on plans to drain lake down to 10 feet and clean out.

3) What plastics can be recycled?

Tom N. found a list of items that can be recycled.

<http://www.recycleamerica.com/services/specs/singlestream.pdf>

M) Action Items:

Thomas Andrea:

1) Compile a town history and a historic home section for the ERI.

Being reviewed by Ed Engelbart and Jay Wancyzk. Town history now in Ed and Jay's hands. Will come to EC members for review prior to Ross, ERI.

2) Continue looking into a municipal energy audit.

Email received from ANJEC, process is starting. The first step is to submit a form if we are interested in participating.

<http://www.njcleanenergy.com/files/file/Municipal%20Audit/Municipal%20Audit%20-%20Guidelines%20and%20Applications.pdf>

Money is recently available from ANJEC. First step is to submit a form of interest with ANJEC. Free to submit application of interest. Tom A can mention to Kevin (need approval to submit).

3) Check with Holly on our requested two years of energy bills.

Nothing to report.

Jim Iorio:

1) Look into the possibility of Scouts pulling invasive species from Mountainside Park by Cedar Crest.

Jim says the cub scouts aren't interested, boy scouts were forwarded info.

Frank Spizzirri:

1) Provide open space and cell phone tower locations for ERI update.

Done

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

1) M2008-081

a) From – Environmental Renewal, L.L.C.

b) Date – 9/2008

c) Subject – Vendor of Vegetative Waste Disposal

d) Action – FYI: *Given to Frank.*

e) Details – A company looking for clients.

2) M2008-082

a) From – State of NJ DEP Division of Land Use Regulation

b) Date – 9/8/2008

c) Subject – Withdrawal of flood hazard application.

d) Action – FYI: *No Action*

e) Details – Sounds like a new application with be coming for The Castle project by ABN Realty Company.

3) M2008-083

a) From – Council Ed Engelbart

b) Date – 9/11/2008

c) Subject – Central Passaic River Flood Committee Report

d) Action – FYI: *Desnagging*

e) Details – Fourteen discussion items about flooding.

4) M2008-084

a) From – Kevin Boyle, Township Manager

b) Date – 9/12/2008

c) Subject – 2009 Budget

d) Action – What funds do we want in 2009? \$1000 or less? Define our expenses so our funding can be placed in the proper bucket.

e) Details – We are being offered \$1000 for our 2009 budget.

5) M2008-085

- a) From – Tom Andrea
 - b) Date – 9/24/2008
 - c) Subject – Pequannock ERI update article.
 - d) Action – FYI could be supplied to ANJEC
 - e) Details – Newspaper Article
- 6) M2008-086
- a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
 - b) Date – October 2008
 - c) Subject – Newsletter
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Newsletter from Pequannock River Coalition
- 7) M2008-087
- a) From – Lindsay Jones, Project Specialist; ENSR; 125 Rock Road; Horsham, PA 19044; (215) 315-4162
 - b) Date – 10/7/2008
 - c) Subject – OPRA request for 17 Fairview Ave, Block 4502, Lot 17
 - d) Action – T.Newman checked 1995 ERI – not listed as a contaminated site
 - e) Details – Requesting records on property at 17 Fairview Ave.
- 8) M2008-088
- a) From – Walter E. Hanley III; Fuhro, Hanley & Beukas, L.L.P.; 36 Mountainview Blvd; Wayne, NJ; (973) 686-1000
 - b) Date – 10/1/2008
 - c) Subject – Application for a Flood Hazard Area Permit will be submitted to NJ DEP
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Riverdale property notify that application for Flood Hazard permit will be submitted for a topsoil transfer facility.
- 9) E2008-004
- a) From – Sandy LaCorte
 - b) Date – 10/19/2008
 - c) Subject – Questions brought forward to you at the Ho Down
 - d) Action – Responded to by Tom N., several email exchanges.
 - e) Details – Two questions, can sports fields be expanded at North Blvd School, Sandy not in favor. Two recyclables question, plastic other than 1 or 2 type, what happens? Sign Pollution. *Signs in the dog park had been proposed but rejected; league makes the signs and says they have authority. Direction is being looked into. Joe says there may be a loophole where the town can give itself a break; we are looking into whether the town wants.*

- O) General Calendar
 - 1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands.
 - 2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.

- P) ERI Update Calendar and Requirements:

June 1 through July 31, 2008

EC begins to convert 1995 EM into digital format and compile local open space and historic information

Consultant begins data/document collection

Aug. 1 through Sept. 30, 2008

EC delivers materials to consultant

Consultant gathers documents/data; begins to draft maps

Oct. 1 through Nov 15, 2008

Consultant delivers draft maps to EC for review and comment

Nov 16 through Jan. 31, 2009

Consultant meets with EC to review maps; drafts narrative sections

Feb. 1 through Feb. 28, 2009

Consultant delivers revised maps and draft narrative to EC

EC delivers comments to consultant

EC develops project update article for newspapers and website to publicize March

EC meeting, at which EC will offer an overview of the draft ERI and discuss revisions for final draft; invites ANJEC

Mar. 1 through Mar. 31, 2009

Consultant attends EC meeting to discuss revisions for final draft

Apr. 1 through Apr. 30, 2009

Consultant delivers final draft to EC, meets to plan presentation to Planning Board

EC distributes final draft ERI to Planning Board with recommendation to adopt; helps to publicize adoption hearing; invites Council, ANJEC

May 1 through May 30, 2009

EC and consultant present ERI at Planning Board adoption hearing
Consultant delivers final paper, pdf and GIS versions of ERI to EC
EC distributes ERI copies; posts ERI on website; develops final press release article on ERI

Township and EC submit final report, documentation on expenditure of funds and in-kind services, and copies of all grant products to ANJEC (1 paper, 1 CD) to request reimbursement

PROGRESS REPORTS DUE AT ANJEC: Nov. 15, 2008, Feb. 15, 2009; May 15, 2009. If, with consent of ANJEC, project runs past May 31, 2009, reports continue to be due quarterly, thereafter.

Q) 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.