

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 2008; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

A) Call to Order

B) Roll Call

(Tom N., Jim, Frank, Lisa)

C) Public Comments

D) Special Presentations

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1) 100 day project June 1 – Oct 31. Has 2 phases. But subject to water levels and rainfall.

2) 43,000 cubic yards to be removed from sites.

3) Plantings to be added per spec of Ecol Science. Includes Ryegrass swales and Pussy Willow (Salix Discolor). Also buttonbush, elderberry, smooth alder, gray dogwood; spatterdock, arrow-arum, pickerelweed, barnyard grass. Jamie needs to plant these as shown or he will not be in compliance with the permit and may not be eligible for the credits.

4) Ric Reilley

E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

11/12/2008

Accepted.

F) Budget Report (Tom A.) – 11/10/2008 - \$114.40 balance

G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

1) We will be putting together a "Year Summary" report for the council to document our activities this year. I'll look through the meeting minutes, but if there is anything anyone wants to make sure gets in there, please send me an email!

2) We will also be developing goals for 2009, so come with ideas!!

3) Peter Correale: SLAPP program for stream cleaning

4) Tom Burbridge: May 9th for HHW (now getting cleared by Peter)

5) FYI: PRC (Ross Kushner) was awarded the ERI work for Butler. Tom N. will ask him what the schedule is for that.

H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)

(Frank spoke since he was present at the Council meeting)

1) Joe left material from League of Mayors "Sustainable Jersey" – sponsored by Walmart; need 100 points for \$25K grant

2) *Dave Hollberg will take over as Township Manager in January*

I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Marty)

Absent

J) Open Space Liaison Report (Frank)

1) *Flood Map – Frank found that there are 92 properties (private) that are wholly or partially in the floodway “Zone AE” – no return period shown.*

2) *Note that there are streams that enter the river; these need bridges or something to enable a riverwalk.*

K) Garbage Committee Report (Frank)

No update

L) Business

1) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections:

a) *In progress, Spring Brook checked from Jackson Avenue to the river.*

b) *Next: Romondt Ditch from Spring Brook to PV Park, and Meyers Brook from PV park to Rt 23; and then Rt 23 to River.*

c) *Council: Jay’s letter specified “the Village”: what does this include? Also, what about the rest of the blue lines?*

2) PV Park water quality/clarity.

M) Action Items:

All:

1) Any website updates?

Tom N’s List for website:

1. *Make “Activities” single spaced and re-order as appropriate.*

2. *Include “Maintain an updated ERI”*

3. *Replace “Pequannock Sentinel” with “the website and in mailings”*

4. *Organize “Articles and Information” section to put septic care, lawn care; add section for copies of media articles; make section for photo gallery and have native/invasive plants, parks, wildlife, etc.; make a new section for “Projects” for Aquatic Park, Bike Trail, etc.; Add ERI section with an electronic copy of ERI, perhaps post a copy of the blue lines pdf map of the town – with copies of reports and/or links to our latest inspections.*

5. *Links Section: make single spaced and update. Add links for recycling company, other interesting links put in “Misc” section*

2) Information for Ross.

Frank believes the floodway includes more area than previously thought. Need verification before we can provide Ross with a good number for houses there and houses purchased by Township. Tom N verified that Frank is correct at the mtg using the flood map.

*TomN contacted the Morris County Env Planner and received some information that Ross requested – forwarded that to Ross to see if it was what he wanted. (It was, as Ross responded that between that and what he found at the library, he had what he needed until further notice)*3) Review, historic section for ERI, should we send it to Ross?

Tom Newman:

1) Letter or email to Steve J. Suburban Trends on photo contest: new or old photos they may have of town – wildlife.

Email address: Janowski, Stephen [Janoski@northjersey.com]

Not Done

2) Schedule an inspection of Spring Brook.

Done in two trips: Nov 23 and Dec 7. Have info on CD, 2nd trip also posted (see Tom A's to do list below

3) Contact Tom Burbridge of MCMUA about conducting another HHW pickup day in Spring 2009.

(Done - May 9 was offered as a potential date; ball now in Pete's court to see if that day will work.)

4) Track down Ross' questions (digital elevation maps, digital flood maps, contaminated site map info, etc.)

Tom N contacted Morris County Environmental Planner, who provided some information and OK'd sending contact info to Ross - done. Ross is satisfied with what he got but will let the EC know if he has additional questions.

5) Complete quarterly ERI status report and submit to ANJEC.

Done

6) Send Frank a copy of his previous time estimates on the ERI.

Done

7) Continued to follow up with spring presentation at library.

Done, got approval from Rose Garwood, had to submit a paragraph summary of the presentation for "advertising" purposes.

8) Investigate Ordering Vests.

Done (worked with Frank and Tom A on that)

9) Call Jeff Keller about Cedar Crest inspection.

Not done

10) Determine owner of property near Cedar Crest, north of Mountainside Park, for Ross.

Not really done, I looked at the Morris County tax maps -- there's Cedar Crest, then there's a wedge between Cedar Crest and Rt 23 of 3.8 acres owned by Jos F & G B Mines of 1181 Westbrook Rd, West Milford, 07486. Not sure if that's what Ross wanted or not, and I haven't checked with him.

Martin Altis

Thomas Andrea:

1) Compile a historic home section for the ERI.

Not Done but will do.

2) Follow up with Manager about municipal energy audit.

Proceeding, the Manager is filling out and submitting paper work. The audits will be done at the town's five municipal buildings: Town Hall, Senior House, DPW, Library and Animal Shelter.

3) Look into recycling at township parks.

Done, recycling is now being done at town hall and beginning in April or when the warmer weather arrives recycling will be done at Greenview, Hillview, Washington and PV Park.

4) Participate in a stream inspection.

Done and more coming.

5) Do a stream inspection (For your review see

http://www.everytrail.com/view_trip.php?trip_id=86759)

6) Talk to or email, Manager about our website, we like to make our own updates.

Done, for now, we will continue to be able to make updates.

7) Mailed Ross a CDROM of pictures of Pequannock Parks

Done

Jennifer Hardie:

Lisa Martinus:

Jim Iorio:

1) Troop leader is interested, Jim will forward contact.

Done

David Ross

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Joseph Jorgensen:

Frank Spizzirri:

1) Participate in a stream inspection.

Done and more coming.

2) Purchase safety vests for Environmental Commission members to use.

Done

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

1) M2008-096

- a) From – The Land Conservancy of New Jersey
- b) Date – 10/2008
- c) Subject – Newsletter
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – This organization's October 2008 newsletter

2) M2008-097

- a) From – State of NJ DEP Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks
- b) Date – 10/15/2008
- c) Subject – Notice of Deficiency
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Former CITGO Service Station (aka Pompton Plains Mobil, aka Countryside Service Station)

3) M2008-098

- a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board Land Development Review
- b) Date – 11/24/2008
- c) Subject – Block 4401, Lot 21, 167 Turnpike
- d) Action – Comments and Recommendations sought
- e) Details – It seems to be a developer wants to build a 4 dwelling commercial building next to Golden Panther Park.

4) M2008-099

- a) From – State of New Jersey DEP Division of Land use Regulation
- b) Date – Mailed 11/26/2008
- c) Subject – ABN Realty's Approvals of Flood Hazard Area, Individual permit and Verification
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Castle Plans, lots of detail, very large package

5) M2008-100

- a) From – State of NJ DEP Enforcement & Assignment Element; Child Care/Educational Facility Unit
- b) Date – 11/7/2008
- c) Subject – Rainbow Montessori School; 670 Newark-Pompton Turnpike
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Child Care Approval Letter but some indoor testing/reports seems needed

6) M2008-101

- a) From – State of NJ DEP Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks

- b) Date – 11/17/2008
 - c) Subject – Notice of Deficiency at Lukoil Service Station at 41 Turnpike
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Problems and corrective actions detailed
- 7) M2008-102
- a) From – State of NJ DEP Enforcement & Assignment Element; Child Care/Educational Facility Unit
 - b) Date – 11/21/2008
 - c) Subject – Little Bears Day Care at 22-24 Evans Place, Pompton Plains
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Child Care Approval Letter but some indoor testing/reports seems needed
- 8) M2008-103
- a) From – Thonet Associates
 - b) Date – 11/2008
 - c) Subject – Single page newsletter
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – NJ Highlands Plan Conformance
- 9) M2008-104
- a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
 - b) Date – 12/2008
 - c) Subject – Pequannock Post Newsletter
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Their newsletter
- 10) M2008-105
- a) From – ANJEC
 - b) Date – 12/2008
 - c) Subject – Membership Renewal
 - d) Action – Decide what type of renewal
 - e) Details –
- 11) E2008-005
- a) From – James Iorio
 - b) Date – 11/5/2008
 - c) Subject – Expiring term on Environmental Commission
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Not seeking reappointment. Thank you Jim for all your service to the Environmental Commission, you will be missed!

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:

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.