

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2009; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Rudy, Christopher, Tom A.)
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
3/11/2009 (*Christopher and Rudy*)
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) – \$720 balance
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

1) Thank you to Rudy for organizing the Clean Up: very successful first project for Rudy! Get stats, photos and contact Steve Janowski from the Suburban Trends – use last year's template for this year.

2) ERI – have obtained sewer area map from County; Ross has incorporated it.

3) ERI – provided info of where utilities are; Ross is at end of map budget and will not be adding these (we will either add them ourselves later or save for the next round).

4) ERI – tried to get clarification on “quasi-public” land from Bob Sweeny but did not hear back from him.

5) ERI – Ross recommended an ordinance requiring Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for development projects – Joe is amenable but wants Dave H to take a look; TLN contacted Vernon to see if they have similar ordinance – theirs has a size threshold for EIS but an Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) for smaller projects to ensure that no “environmentally sensitive areas” are impacted by the development

6) ERI – schedule: complete our review soon and later this month meet with Ross to schedule May meeting with Council, ANJEC, Ross and EC.

7) Community Garden: Farm Road site (Rockledge Park) preferred vs Whipple site: has hydrant, more of a buffer from existing homes. In addition, during the cleanup, we found long (12'+?) fence posts and mesh fencing behind TD bank from the old driving range – these may provide material for the community garden!

8) TLN will be presenting at Library on Monday night April 20, 7 pm.

- 9) Sat May 9th: HHW day (TLN will be giving materials to Sub Trends, Star Ledger this week, already gave info for website, need to coordinate for sign Denise white sign (need form), and electronic one is Dave, and for cable ch 77 (Pete). Last year fliers to schools...Not this year?) Check Riverdale about this.
- 10) Project Porchlight: Lisa contacted them and it sounds like they will provide some additional bulbs to us for the Ho Down (need to confirm with Lisa).
- 11) Recycling: new developments on recycling materials market collapse. Also have gotten questions about what plastics are recycled.

H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)

Ordinance with Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)

J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)

K) Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)

L) Business

1) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections.

2) PV Park water quality/clarity.

Oil water separator: Rudy noticed an oil film in the water where the oil/water separator.

3) ERI update.

4) List 2008 accomplishments. *no*

5) Rudy, River clean up 4/4.

Successful! He would like to establish a time for next year (first weekend of April).

6) Ross's suggestion for a Environmental Impact Statement ordinance.

M) Action Items:

All:

1) Spread the word about our Household Hazardous Waste collection on 5/9 from 9AM to 2PM at the Pequannock Municipal Building..

2) Continue Stream inspections.

Christopher and Rudy will do Demotts Brook (Macdonald Beach to Tiffs).

3) Other presentations, ANJEC at Library.

4) Jeff Keller hike with presentation at Cedar Crest, Mountainside to Cedar Crest, presentation, then back.

Autumn

6) Review 3/23 working ERI document.

7) For Christopher, what do we want to see in a single sheet on energy saving.

(TLN brought NG article for Christopher)

8) If desired, attend PTHS Earth Day on High School Practice Football Field April, 25 from 12-3pm (inside Gym if it rains)

Lisa is coordinating with the groups – they want recycling bins.

Tom Newman:

1) Get current stream inspection reports to Ross.

Done (I have asked how this might work since we will be adding additional inspection reports over time)

2) April talk at Library, Scheduled for April 20 at 7PM.

3) List 2008 accomplishments to Council.

Not done!

4) *Continue coordinating ERI with Ross. Ongoing*

5) *Bring in home energy use article for Christopher. Done.*

Joseph Jorgensen:

1) Get township staff for “Green Team” for “Sustainable NJ”.

Thomas Andrea:

1) Need more information from Historic District Commission, waiting for response.

Tom will re-ask question.

2) Renew membership to ANJEC. *Done*

3) Do website updates, from 1/14/2009 minutes.

None done.

4) Keep track of municipal energy audit. *Find contact information for town*

5) Produce or get historic home data for ERI

6) Home Energy Audit, \$125 1-866-NJSMART, scheduled for my home on May 4.

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Jennifer Hardie:

1) Community Garden.

Lisa Martinus:

1) Sustainable NJ points.

2) Hillview School interest in a school Environmental Association?

3) Project Porchlight give of CFL's at Ho-Down.

Christopher Lotito:

1) Answer ERI History Section questions from Ross.

2) Energy audit sheet, savings

Rudy Steinthal:

Philip Dickinson:

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

1) M2009-022

- a) From – Land Conservancy of NJ
- b) Date – February 2009
- c) Subject – Newsletter
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Outdoor Issues newsletter, Pequannock, 1 acre, two additions to River Walk, mentioned

2) M2009-023

- a) From – Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority
- b) Date – 3/31/2009
- c) Subject – Notification of Application for Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Project Name “Sludge Thickening Facility”, construction at 2000 Lincoln Avenue

3) M2009-024

- a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
- b) Date – April 2009
- c) Subject – Newsletter
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – A copy of their bi-monthly newsletter

4) M2009-025

- a) From – *Virginia Michelin, Morris County Planners Office (via Peter Correale)*
- b) Date – *around 3/25*
- c) Subject – 4 large GIS maps on Pequannock, 2 Sewered/Septic Areas and 2 District Area
- d) Action – *already taken care of*
- e) Details – 4 maps on two subjects from Morris County Department and Planning Development, GIS section

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.