

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2009; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Rudy, Christopher, Jen, Tom A., Joe)
- C) Public Comments - *None*
- D) Special Presentations - *None*
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
4/8/2009 (*Christopher and Rudy*)
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) – \$720 balance
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - 1) *Brought in recycling materials flier from National Geographic.*
 - 2) *Request for specific info from Waste Management on types of plastics that are accepted vs. discarded.*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
 - 1) *Greenview park bid awarded. Start work within month \$80K under*
 - 2) *Kudos to Lisa on the Sustainable Energy Grant Application*
 - 3) *PV park has been dredged by diving boards and swim lanes, cleaned beach after lowered water a bit more than usual. Circulator pump and aerator will go in. Park will stay open an extra week. Joe said, maybe keep PV Park open year round, when PV park is closed it is a waste.*
 - 4) *New benches around Woodland Lake*
 - 5) *Events: Circus at Greenview June 13-14. There will be a triathlon within town boundaries start/end at PV park on Aug 2, 400 participants. Extra parking will be at Edwards Engineering and Flooring Distributor.*
 - 6) *Council discussion: parking of commercial vehicles in commercial/industrial zone. The fine is \$1200 for parking in a residential zone.*
- I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)
 - 1) *A presentation by Tom Newman on the updated ERI will take place on June 1st before the Planning Board.*
 - 2) *Have clerk put the ad in the paper.*
 - 3) *Call Linda Z to see.*
- J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)

1) *Small park like Panther Park in Pompton Plains – possibly near corner of Sunset and Turnpike, community center at Dr. Limbaugh’s office, Dr. Brown’s area near PV School.*

K) **Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)**

1) *No meeting*

L) **Business**

1) *Ditch/Flood Gate inspections. - Christopher to begin a report for Demott inspection. We could send an email to Fred Herman with things to get. New super for DPW Bill Perara, doing a great job. Rudy says there are items in the stream near Glens.*

2) *PV Park water quality/clarity. - Cleaned out, circulating now and aerating coming. New manager Laura Alt. from town, used to work in the Children’s section at the Library.*

3) *ERI update. - Need to do a presentation to Planning Board. Printing costs could be lower if Staples, Ross. ERI will be in loose-leaf binder maybe Planning Board could get updates once a year.*

4) *Ross’s suggestion for a Environmental Impact Statement ordinance. - Joe thinks this is a good idea, will bounce off Dave.*

5) *Community Garden, status? - Jen wanted to see if this could be a scout project – reach out to Jim Iorio. Joe: remaining location issue: Rockledge Park. Once decided, get blessing from Council, then move forward. Article in the trends to gage interest, and then set up committee to get it rolling. Some of the produce to go to food pantry. Parks & Rec will be kept in the loop, but not something that Denise will have to coordinate.*

6) *Tom Newman’s presentation at the Library, 4/20, 7PM - About 15 people turned out (including EC people). Good response but may not have been advertised.*

7) *Household Hazardous Waste Day, 5/9, 9AM-2PM. - Good response – got stats from MCMUA. 678 cars, more than 2008 and close to big success of 2007. In 2007 there were 709 cars and in 2008 there were 591cars. Next year maybe we could put a flier in a mailing from Parks & Rec. Thank you to our Police Department for an excellent job!*

M) **Action Items:**

All:

1) *Continue Stream inspections. - Done for warm season.*

2) *Other presentations, ANJEC at Library. - Jeff Keller in fall: could we combine with scouts hike? Perhaps split costs with scouts? Jen will contact Jim Iorio about this.*

3) *Review 5/6 working ERI document. - Done and submitted draft to Planning Board.*

4) For Christopher, what do we want to see in a single sheet on energy saving. – *In progress.*

5) If desired, attend PTHS Earth Day on High School Practice Football Field April, 25 from 12-3pm (inside Gym if it rains) - *wasn't a big event; hot windy day; face painting, Ross Kushner was there, other groups (6-8 booths, including Rutgers too) were there, slow first year. Needed a tent on a day that hot!*

Tom Newman:

- 1) April talk at Library, Scheduled for April 20 at 7PM. - *Done*
- 2) List 2008 accomplishments to Council. - *Accept partial list sent to Council.*
- 3) Continue coordinating ERI with Ross. - *Continuing; Tom Newman will put together a presentation for Planning Board and public.*

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) 1) Get township staff for "Green Team" for "Sustainable NJ". - *Still working on. Lisa has made the deadlines and or called them to arrange.*

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Need more information from Historic District Commission, waiting for response. - *Got info, done.*
- 2) Do website updates, from 1/14/2009 minutes. - *None done. Tom N suggests adding websites for recycling.*
- 3) Keep track of municipal energy audit. - *Tracking down*
- 4) Produce or get historic home data for ERI – *Done, Tom N. did quite a bit of work so all data would be included.*
- 5) Home Energy Audit, \$125 1-866-NJSMART, scheduled for my home on May 4.

Jennifer Hardie:

- 1) Community Garden. - *See above.*

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:

1) ERI: forward copy to Planning Board for review and comment, and ask them to schedule for June 1st presentation to Planning Board (workshop meeting). Receipt of grant is contingent upon Planning Board hearing adopting the ERI and incorporating it into the Master Plan.

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

1) M2009-026

- a) From – NJ State League of Municipalities
- b) Date – 4/7/2009
- c) Subject – Reminder: Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by Wal-Mart
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Deadline May 7, 2009 must be registered

2) M2009-027

- a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board
- b) Date – 4/13/2009
- c) Subject – Subdivision and bulk variance application
- d) Action – Comments sought
- e) Details – William Marcy, 505 Newark Pompton Turnpike, change existing lot into a three home lot.
- f) *Comments: (1) Add 2 shade trees to each new house's frontage as long as that does not interfere with septic. (2) Requested to not cut existing trees to extent possible. (3) Add screening to driveway turnaround to reduce glare to neighbors from new houses.*

3) M2009-028

- a) From – Dresdner Robin
- b) Date – 4/14/2009
- c) Subject – Flood Hazard Verification sought from NJ DEP
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – 167 Newark-Pompton Turnpike

4) M2009-029

- a) From – NJ DEP Division of Land Use Regulation
- b) Date – 4/22/2009

- c) Subject – Pending Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation, Cancellation Letter
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Block 503, Lot 11
- 5) M2009-030
- a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board
 - b) Date – 4/23/2009
 - c) Subject – Subdivision and bulk variance application
 - d) Action – Comments sought
 - e) Details – 212 Boulevard, two lot minor subdivision with no variances.
 - f) *Comment: add 2 shade trees to front lots.*
- 6) M2009-031
- a) From – Environmental Management Services, Inc
 - b) Date – 4/24/2009
 - c) Subject – Application for a Flood Hazard Area Control Act Individual Permit
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Wayne, NJ property at 441 Newark Pompton Turnpike
- 7) M2009-032
- a) From – NJ DEP Brownfields Remediation & Reuse Element
 - b) Date – 4/28/2009
 - c) Subject – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Underground Fuel Oil tank at 71 Greenwood Avenue
- 8) M2009-033
- a) From – NJ DEP Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks
 - b) Date – 4/30/2009
 - c) Subject – Remedial Investigation Report/Remedial Investigation Workplan (RIR/RIW) Approval
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Citgo at 403 Pompton Turnpike, a plan is approved but Classification Exception Area (CEA) is not, more needs to be submitted
- 9) M2009-034
- a) From – NJ DEP Bureau of Case Management
 - b) Date – 5/5/2009
 - c) Subject – Pio Costa Enterprises Landfill
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – problems and more information needed

f) *Golden Panther Park is the entrance to Pio Costa property that will be an Audubon Society area that backs up to Lincoln Park – will be replanted by current owner as part of site remediation; had filled in holes with houses from Paterson – we will end up with that as park property.*

10) M2009-035

a) From – NJ DEP Div. of Land Use Reg.

b) Date – 5/7/2009

c) Subject – Letter of Interpretation, Presence/Absence Determination

d) Action – FYI

e) Details – Block 902 Lot 16 verify the absence or presence of freshwater wetlands, freshwater wetland transition areas and/or state open waters

11) E2009-001

a) From – Kevin W. Hill

b) Date – 5/7/2009

c) Subject – Check out one of our EC meetings

d) Action – Tom Newman responded

e) Details – Kevin may come to our June meeting.

O) General Calendar

1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands.

2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.

3) Autumn - Jeff Keller hike with presentation at Cedar Crest, Mountainside to Cedar Crest, presentation, then back. - *See above – Jen will contact Jim Iorio about possibility of coordinating with Scouts.*

P) ERI Update Calendar and Requirements:

<p>Feb. 1 through Feb. 28, 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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
<p>Mar. 1 through Mar. 31, 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consultant attends EC meeting to discuss revisions for final draft

<p>Apr. 1 through Apr. 30, 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>May 1 through May 30, 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.