

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, June 10, 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., Lisa)
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
5/13/2009 (*Tom Newman & Rudy*)
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) – \$720 balance
Possible future expenses:
 - a) *Give away reusable grocery bags at the Ho-Down.*
 - b) *LED bulb prize*
 - c) *Jeff Keller hike and lecture, maybe split (\$400 ?) cost with the scouts.*
 - d) *Hats or shirts, maybe from BJ's or a place in town, with embroidery for Environmental Commission members.*
 - e) *Purchase of a GPS type camera.*
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - 1) *ERI should be voted on at the July 20 Planning Board Meeting.*
 - 2) *Alexander Ave Turnaround options*
 - 3) *Jeff Keller schedule – coordinate with scouts, Suburban Women's Club, Cedar Crest, Pequannock River Coalition, High/Middle School clubs. Jen will check: sat afternoon. Tom Newman to get Jeff's resume.*
 - 4) *Plastics Recycling? 1 & 2 bottles, garbage the rest.*
 - 5) *Inspections: "RAR" files? Demott Brook draft? WINRAR oldversion.com – formatted?*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
- I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)
- J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy) – *one property left – North Pequannock, closest to Route 23. One will be closing shortly. Two being knocked down. Riverwalk: problem with Covello's property – could get use of Bauer's path? No easement anytime soon.*
- K) Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)
- L) Business
 - 1) *Ditch/Flood Gate inspections. Tom N. will email sample to Chris & Rudy.*

- 2) Annual River Clean up set for 4/3/2010. *Pequannock Schools' Spring Break is 4/2/2010 to 4/9/2010, is that a problem? It's also Easter! Perhaps the April 17th. Tom N suggested that Rudy check with P&R first, then mail out the April 17th.*
- 3) PV Park water quality/clarity. *Starting out good – 6ft visibility, aerator going during the night, circ pumps going all day. Black plastic on brim is very unattractive and might cause problems.*
- 4) ERI update. *At the Planning Board's July 20th meeting they will be voting to accept the updated ERI.*
- 5) Ross's suggestion for an Environmental Impact Statement ordinance. *No update.*
- 6) Community Garden, status? *Rockledge Park proposed – Eagle Scout project. Big article in Suburban Trends.*
- 7) Litter at Route 23 turnaround/ crossing by Hess Station has a litter problem, even after a clean-up earlier in the year. *Linda Wells says, "is there anyway we could have the \$200 fine for littering sign which is now at the very end of the turn-around moved to the beginning of the turn around ? It might do more good there. Maybe have the sign put on the Alexander Ave. , u-turn pole by the entrance. As they have already dumped their food remains by the time they see the sign and leave the turn around." Need Joe / Council to take this up with DOT.*
- 8) North Boulevard School "Read for Green" fund raiser. *Raised about \$900 for Recycling lids for 55-gallon drums. They are purchasing 25 lids that the town requested. Will have a label or something similar saying, "NBS HELPS KEEP A LID ON RECYCLABLES! 2009 DONATION". Any money left over may go toward starting an Environmental Club at North Boulevard School. Twelve lids should be received in time for this Sunday's Street Fair in Pompton Plains.*

M) Action Items:

All:

- 1) Continue Stream inspections on hold until cold weather.
- 2) Other presentations, ANJEC at Library.
- 3) For Christopher, what do we want to see in a single sheet on energy saving.

Tom Newman:

- 1) Continue coordinating ERI with Ross.
- 2) *Get resume of Jeff Keller.*

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) Get township staff for "Green Team" for "Sustainable NJ".

Thomas Andrea:

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

None done.

- 2) Keep track of municipal energy audit.
- 3) What does Waste Management want as recyclables? *Bottles and jugs with a 1 or 2 recycling symbol.*
- 4) Test email to ptec@peqtwp.org, works fine.

Jennifer Hardie:

- 1) Community Garden.
- 2) *Possible hike with Jeff Keller, Boy and Girl Scouts on August 8, Saturday in the afternoon. Other possible participants are:, PV School, Pequannock River Coalition*

Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ points.
- 2) Hillview School interest in a school Environmental Association? *Can't be done since it must be a paid position to have someone in charge.*
- 3) Project Porchlight give of CFL's at Ho-Down. *No word yet on how many CFLs. Will check if they have an estimate of how many bulbs they will give us to giveaway.*

Christopher Lotito:

- 1) Energy audit sheet, savings

Rudy Steinthal:

Philip Dickinson:

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

- 1) M2009-036

- a) From – NJ DEP Div. of Land Use Regulation

- b) Date – 5/11/2009

- c) Subject – Flood Hazard Area Verification and Individual Permit

- d) Action – FYI

- e) Details – Plans by Route 23 Honda to take down old Morris Pet Supply on Route 23.

- 2) M2009-037
 - a) From – David Hollberg
 - b) Date – 5/26/2009
 - c) Subject – Terri DeClet's Retirement
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Luncheon on Friday, May 29, 2009 for Terri after 22 years of service to the township.
- 3) M2009-038
 - a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
 - b) Date – June 2009
 - c) Subject – Newsletter
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Among many interesting things, on July 11 they will have a River Trail Float and Clean-up.
- 4) M2009-039
 - a) From – Petro Science
 - b) Date – 6/3/2009
 - c) Subject – Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist, Notice to Neighboring Landowners *Route 23 Honda, Lot 16 Block 902*
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Notice that they are seeking permit or approval.
- 5) M2009-040
 - a) From – Dresdner Robin
 - b) Date – 6/3/2009
 - c) Subject – Public Notification, Application for a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) by ABN Realty Company, LLC (The Castle)
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – The TWA is required to connect the proposed banquet hall into the existing sanitary sewer line on the property.
- 6) M2009-041
 - a) From – New Jersey Environmental Lobby
 - b) Date – May or June 2009 received includes January-March 2009 Newsletter
 - c) Subject – Membership Application and newsletter
 - d) Action – FYI, can Join if desired
 - e) Details – They do offer a Environmental Commission, Municipal Membership for \$100
- 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.

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.