

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

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

Agenda/Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Meeting not held due to a lack of a quorum)
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
6/10/2009
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) – \$720 balance
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
- 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) Annual River Clean up set for 4/17/2010.
 - 3) PV Park water quality/clarity. *Tom Andrea's comments, visibility fair water quality fair. Maybe it is time to have PV Park checked by a professional company that handles water quality issues, if desired I would research.*
 - 4) ERI update, *Planning board vote 7/20/2009.*
 - 5) Ross's suggestion for a Environmental Impact Statement ordinance.
 - 6) Community Garden, status?
 - 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."*
- 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.

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, *the Contact is Ben Jackal with TRC Energy Services, (732) 855 2894. He has our file and we need to fill an "Appendix C" for every building we are having audited and have a resolution passed by the Council. He will be emailing information to Dave Hollberg and myself.*
- 3) Check on Ho-Down, how many bags did we give away last year? *The Ho-Down will be on 9/19 and will have the same format as last year where the booths have games. Last year we gave away 300 reusable bags at the Ho-Down, the cost was \$300, each bag had an informative insert, and we purchased them from www.goagainbags.com.*
- 4) Test Environmental Commission's email address, *working fine, a message goes to Tom N and Tom A if any new messages.*
- 5) Look into possible ANJEC Road shows for library. *The cost of a road show is \$220 and below are some that may be of interest to the general public. One or two topics would be selected for the road show.*
 - a) *Using Geographic Information Systems - Learn how to make GIS work for your environmental commission and your town.*
 - b) *Preserving Open Space - The environmental and economic benefits of preserving open space, how to create an open space plan, and how to establish an open space tax.*
 - c) *Open Space Stewardship - Learn how to better manage your town's preserved open space, establish an environmentally friendly trails' network, protect and manage trees and woodlands, or deal with invasive species and restore habitat.*
 - d) *Walkable/Bikeable Communities - Examine ways to develop facilities and programs that improve bike/pedestrian opportunities. Learn how to plan*

walking/biking infrastructure, walk-to-school programs and use tools to increase pedestrian safety.

- e) Opportunities and Challenges in the NJ Highlands - Learn more about how the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, NJDEP Highlands Regulations and the Highlands Council's Regional Master Plan affect your town.*
- f) Municipal Actions to Foster Sustainability - Approaches and available resources that can help reduce carbon footprint and foster sustainability through municipal policies, planning, land use decisions and outreach activities.*
- g) Stormwater Management and the State Stormwater Regulations - Find out ways you can help your town implement NJDEP requirements and protect water quality.*

Jennifer Hardie:

- 1) Community Garden.
- 2) Coordinate with Scouts on Fall hike/presentation with Jeff Keller.

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) Energy audit sheet, savings
- 2) Polish final stream inspection reports for season.
- 3) Coordinate with Cedar Crest on Fall hike/presentation with Jeff Keller.

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Polish final stream inspection reports for season.
- 2) Coordinate 2010 clean-up.

Philip Dickinson:

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

1) M2009-042

a) From – US EPA, Washington DC

b) Date – 5/26/2009

c) Subject – Information and initiatives for older adults and their caregivers

- d) Action – Might want to order brochures for Ho-Down, seems free and brochures are very nice,
- e) Details – Information on initiatives and how to participate, as well as available resources.

2) M2009-043

- a) From – Petro Science
- b) Date – 6/16/2009
- c) Subject – Regarding, Application for a letter of Interpretation
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – A good deal of information on Route 23 Honda's property at 590 Route 23.

3) M2009-044

- a) From – NJ DEP, Enforcement and Assignment Element, Child Care/ Educational Facility Unit
- b) Date – 6/18/2009
- c) Subject – Approval Letter for Boys and Girls Club of Pequannock
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Building and outside area is OK'ed

4) M2009-045

- a) From – NJ DEP, Bureau of Northern Field Operations
- b) Date – 6/24/2009
- c) Subject – No further action and covenant not to sue
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – 11 Romondt Road, a residence in the Village area for the remedial action of a 280 gallon underground heating oil storage tank.

5) M2009-046

- a) From – Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc.
- b) Date – 6/29/2009
- c) Subject – CEA Notification Letter, NJDEP Case #'s 92-09024-1657 and 94-12-06-1043-34
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Former CITGO Service Station, now LukOil Station at 403 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, defines an area that the groundwater exceeds standards for certain chemicals.

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) 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.