

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2010; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Rudy, Christopher, Tom A., Lisa)
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes - 12/09/2009 (*Rudy & Tom N.*)
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) \$1000 from 2010. \$351 reserved from 2009 to pay for a spring hike with Jeff Keller.
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - 1) *Accomplishments letter to Council.*
 - 2) *Rumor no HHW in Pequannock this year?*
 - 3) *Correction to "Environmental Commission" in paper Calendar.*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
- I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)
- J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)
 - 1) *On Dec. 29 2009 closed on Kortch property on North Pequannock Avenue, to be demolished this week. Leaves 1 more house, deal being worked out now.*
 - 2) *Shotmeyer being revised (financially not as good)*
 - 3) *Pia Costa – wetlands bank, donate land to Audobon Society*
 - 4) *Tennis Club in Pompton Plains – may go to the Township as a public court. It will only become public (go to the town) if it disbands (in the clubs by-laws).*
 - 5) *Committee reappointed same officers.*
 - 6) *May have river walk from Route 23 to Regency House hotel this year. No walking under the bridge by Route 23 unless river is low.*
 - 7) *Spotted dumped computer terminals under Jackson Avenue bridge that crosses river.*
 - 8) *Tax maps are now online, see <http://www.peqtwp.org/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=60&TPID=10431> , also on this site are zoning, street and flood maps.*
- K) Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)
- L) Business
 - 1) *Ditch/Flood Gate inspections. On Sat 1/16 – two sessions: am/pm*
 - a) *Christopher and Rudy AM session: Foothills to Arundel*

- b) Tom N. and Tom A. PM session: Arundel to Glenns*
- 2) Annual River Cleanup set for 4/17/2010. *Rudy is managing the Clea up.*
 - a) Tom N sent contact info for press and Ross Kushner to Rudy.*
 - b) The first priority for the cleanup will be North Pequannock Avenue followed by jug handle near the Hess gas station on Route 23.*
 - 3) PV Park water quality/clarity.
 - 4) Community Garden, status?
 - 5) Ho-Down.
 - 6) Walkable Communities Workshop Program, interest?
 - a) Environmental Commission feels that the focus should be from the rail road tracks that cross Newark Pompton Turnpike to the Atlantic Stewardship Bank.*
 - 7) Grants?

M) Action Items:

All:

- 1) Continue Stream inspections on hold until cold weather.

Tom Newman:

- 1) Coordinate with C. Lotito on write-up of inspection of "Washington Park / Lyman Ave ditch".
- 2) Spring 2010 Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off day.

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) Get township staff for "Green Team" for "Sustainable NJ". Resolution from Council on Green Team.
 - a. Lisa says there's a meeting Wed 7/20; she has a project for them to do: switch township's cleaning products to "green", also toner cartridges,*
- 2) Bring up with Council, litter at Route 23 turnaround/ crossing by Hess Station.
 - a. Christopher suggested, maybe have 2 No Littering signs – leave one sign at end and add one to the beginning of jug handle.*
- 3) Contact John Olin about Shade Tree Commission.

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Do website updates, from 1/14/2009 minutes. Also update Environmental Commission Members' list.
I have access to the Environmental Commission's webpage and can make changes. I updated the Environmental Commission members information. I also checked our email address and it was not working, I had that fixed and

email again works. I do not have any auto forwarding of email messages done but I will work on that and make web updates as time permits.

- 2) Keep track of municipal energy audit; the Contact is Ben Jackal with TRC Energy Services, (732) 855 2894. *Information was mailed to Ben by the town, I will check with Ben if he received the material.*
- 3) Letter to Mayor and Council asking for reappointment to Environmental Commission, if desired. *Done and was reappointed.*

Jennifer Hardie:

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Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ.
 - a. *Green Team: Lisa is monitoring sustainable NJ grants.*

Christopher Lotito:

- 1) Polish final stream inspection reports for season, coordinate with Tom Newman.

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Coordinate 2010 clean-up. Email action items.

Philip Dickinson:

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

- 1) M2010-001
 - a) From – PS&S
 - b) Date – 12/10/2009
 - c) Subject – JCP&L will be doing work in wetlands and transition areas.
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Permit to cover 174 Municipalities.
- 2) M2010-002
 - a) From – PS&S
 - b) Date – 12/14/2009
 - c) Subject – JCP&L will be doing work in wetlands and transition areas.
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Permit to cover 174 Municipalities.

- 3) M2010-003
 - a) From – CMX
 - b) Date – 12/17/2009
 - c) Subject – Erickson Retirement Communities seek Flood Area Hazard Verification and Individual Permit.
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – At Cedar Crest, there will be a “Culvert Replacement and Floodwall and Inlet.
- 4) M2010-004
 - a) From – CMX
 - b) Date – 12/17/2009
 - c) Subject – Erickson Retirement Communities seek Flood Area Hazard Verification and Individual Permit.
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – At Cedar Crest, there will be a “Culvert Replacement and Floodwall and Inlet.
- 5) M2010-005
 - a) From – David Hollberg, Township Manager
 - b) Date – 12/21/2009
 - c) Subject – Christmas Party
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Employees, Boards, Commissions and Committees invited.
- 6) M2010-006
 - a) From – CMX
 - b) Date – 12/21/2009
 - c) Subject – Erickson Retirement Communities seek Flood Area Hazard Verification and Individual Permit.
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – At Cedar Crest, there will be a “Culvert Replacement and Floodwall and Inlet. These are the plans and they will be left with the township clerk for public inspection. *THE LARGE PLANS SENT WERE FOR THE WRONG LOCATION (WESTIN HOTEL, BERKELEY HTS). HOWEVER, THE REPORT WAS CORRECT. Assuming that the culvert is “being replaced in kind” is correct, and that the pipe size will remain the same, we have no problem with it. For the flood wall, we think a special permit from the state would be necessary as this is in the wetlands. The builder is at fault having pushed the envelope to be closer to the wetlands – even asking for variances to be closer -- and that is why they are having trouble with flooding.*

7) M2010-007

a) *From – State of NJ DEP Enforcement & Assignment Element*

b) *Date – 1/8/2010*

c) *Subject – Proposed, So Big Child Development Center*

d) *Action – FYI*

e) *Details – Approval for child care center at 620 Route 23 North in Pompton Plains.*

8) M2010-008

a) *From – US EPA*

b) *Date – 11/2009, expires 11/30/2011*

c) *Subject – 2009 Hazardous Waste Report, Instructions and Form*

d) *Action – FYI, if needed*

e) *Details – EPA Form 8700-13 AB (OMB#2050-0024)*

O) General Calendar

1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands. (Maybe Jeff Keller can show us on Spring 2010 hike.)

2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.

3) *May 1 or May 8 possible* - Jeff Keller hike with presentation at Cedar Crest, Mountainside to Cedar Crest, presentation, then back. We can video tape this hike. That justifies the cost, since more can watch. Joe may have a friend that can do videotaping.

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.