

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 10, 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, Joe (one vacancy))
Jen Hardie declined renewing her Environmental Commission membership and is no longer a member. Tom N to give Dolores a note saying we have a vacancy.
- C) Public Comments
 - 1) *Dominic Caropres and Tucker (Chris Murphy not present) – Of the 8th grade Take Action project. Original plan was to buy trash cans for Riverside Park and clean up the area. Now looking for other suggestions. Response: (a) Can proceed with plan as part of April 17th river cleanup event—Riverside Park will be added to venue, and Joe will speak to Dave Hollberg about installing trash-can-posts there to prevent dumping; (b) Another potential cleanup project is across Rt 23 from Tiffs, an old house site near park with trash, asphalt, concrete, etc.*
 - 2) *Bob Smith and son (Eagle Scout) are also looking for a project. Joe, suggested a pavilion or docks at North Pequannock Ave site where the river walk will be (across Route 23 from Tiffs).*
- D) Special Presentations - None
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes - *1/13/2010, the 2/10/2010 meeting was canceled due to weather. (Rudy and Christopher)*
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) *\$720 from 2010, \$280 is going to pay for ANJEC dues. We also have \$351 reserved from 2009 to pay for a spring hike with Jeff Keller.*
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - 1) *Stream inspections, some done in Glens. Two branches done with one more to go. Tom N will check inspections and once complete will forward all inspections performed this season to Council. Diane Rizzi in Manager's Office sent out notices to affected residents.*
 - 2) *MCMUA is going to another town in 2010, so no household hazardous waste day in town this year.*
 - 3) *May 8 Jeff Keller Hike (rain date 15th) – Tom N to contact Cedar Crest to coordinate.*
 - 4) *Website Updates are needed and should be focused on.*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
 - 1) *Hillview Field restroom will be ready in a few months.*

- 2) *Washington Park – an additional soccer/lacrosse field is being added, baseball at a later date.*
- 3) *Schools' fields will be added to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. May be upgrading fields at school to get a 90ft field.*
- 4) *Community Garden – Eagle Scout project underway but tree donations have not been coming in – should be in good shape for Memorial Day, already getting a list of participants – Cost will be free but there will be a \$20/25 key deposit to offset any end of year problems.*
- 5) *Green Team – Lisa coordinating; now have 5-7 people; chair is Ron Baran.*
- 6) *Garbage Committee – Recommendations sent to Council for new contract. Bids are company friendly (not just WMA). Dual stream, single stream, one day, two day etc are options. There is a survey on the website as to how many pickups per week are preferred. Maybe in one year when their contract expires add schools to town's garbage contract.*
- 7) *Recycle bank – rewards program for recycling, could qualify for up to \$250 (half the garbage bill). RF ID tag on garbage can. Maybe next year. Get credit for recycling, credits could be spent on vendors. Cost of setup is \$12,000 to \$15,000 per truck. Could also donate share to local community group. Paterson first area town in this program.*
- 8) *Shade Tree Commission – many new members, Lou Skvarca is liaison, Bill Pereira (DPW) is a member. More advisory on tree types than previously, maybe a bucket truck to preempt power company hatchet job pruning. Looking into establishing a shade tree nursery in town. DPW will determine if a tree is a town tree. Maybe start a shade tree nursery, county wide. Need enough land for 100 trees per year for 10 years or 1000 trees. Maybe use Morris County SLAPP Program as a labor source.*
- 9) *PV Park – goose project – floating boom to try to keep mats on the southern side. Black Lagoon (company) will track algae growth, apply algaecide, test and treat water. Water mixing will be done, one raft will come out (white one) to be replaced with a trampoline. Geese to be reduced by scout camping, dog run and egg addling. Long-term fix pending final engineering report on the berm. Parks and Rec Advisory Board wants to on water quality, then add amenities.*
- 10) *Reverse 911 – for flooding/etc for Village. Joe wants to add texting as well. Tom A says that is easy – just need a distribution list and computer will send text to all of them.*
- 11) *New Engineer – will be engineer and planner.*
- 12) *On May 2nd at 1PM Pompton Plains Railroad Station dedication.*

I) **Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)**

1) *Joe says not much going on.*

J) **Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)**

- 1) *North Pequannock (last house) under contract.*
- 2) *Shudtz property*
- 3) *45 Pequannock Ave –Burned down now unoccupied. Owner may want to donate. On wrong side of Pequannock Ave (needs 17 ft elev on 35 ft wide lot)*
- 4) *Bauer request for town to cede Carlson Place paper street. Town may institute options, a 25-ft conservation easement along pipeline to the dam, for walking path.*
- 5) *Joe: we might be able to have a practice field behind TD bank.*

K) **Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)** *See above.*

L) **Business**

- 1) **Ditch/Flood Gate inspections.**
- 2) **Annual River Clean up set for 4/17/2010.**
 - a) *One Boy Scout troop will participate, not sure how many scouts.*
 - b) *Donations: BJs: 2 cases of water, Walmart: gift card (\$50?), Home Depot: waiting response.*
 - c) *Rudy will now reach out to “local” businesses.*
 - d) *April 1st Rudy to send an email asking volunteer groups for head counts.*
 - e) *From Public Comments above, “The area near Riverside Road Park should be added to the cleanup”.*
- 3) **PV Park water quality/clarity.** *See above for status.*
- 4) **Community Garden.** *See above for status.*
- 5) **Ho-Down.**
Possibly outsource ho-down advertising, cleanup, etc. Cost about \$25,000. Town commissions under a tent?
- 6) **Walkable Communities Workshop Program, interest?**
Morris County DOT could come into town and do a full workshop or give pointers. Tom A let Dave know about this and Dave suggested 2 areas – we need to select one area (Tom A suggested Pequannock area – crossing of NPT by bike trail). Bike trail is part of the Morris County DOT.
- 7) **Grants?** *Maybe for recycling counter (see discussion under H7 above)?*
- 8) **Prosecute litter offenders from Alexander jug handle and around town.**
Disposable signs posted on highway and ramps a problem. Discussed.

M) **Action Items:**

All:

- 1) **Stream inspections.** *Rudy can and may do some by himself.*
- 2) **Website:** *compile list of websites and internet links to include.*

Tom Newman:

- 1) *Send letter of appreciation to Jen Hardie for all her Environmental Commission work.*
- 2) *Send note to Dolores Sweeny about membership vacancy.*
- 3) *Coordinate May 8 hike/presentation with Jeff Keller and Cedar Crest.*
- 4) *Review stream-inspection reports completed since last submittal. When complete, submit the new reports to Council.*

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) Get township staff for "Green Team" for "Sustainable NJ". Resolution from Council on Green Team.
- 2) Bring up with Council, litter at Route 23 turnaround/ crossing by Hess Station. *The DPW did do a clean-up at this location.*
- 3) Contact John Olin about Shade Tree Commission. *John's on again, but now has a new mission, members.*

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Do website updates, from 1/14/2009 minutes. *Ongoing*
- 2) Keep track of municipal energy audit; the Contact is Ben Jackal with TRC Energy Services, (732) 855 2894. *The information was sent, Ben ok'd all, RFP will await new township engineer.*
- 3) Have ANJEC dues paid. *Given to Finance Department to pay.*
- 4) Look into Walkable Communities Workshop for Pequannock. *Ongoing*
- 5) *Check on Household Hazardous Waste day in town. Flyer shown for 2010 dates and locations and none in Pequannock this year.*

Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ. *Green Cleaning supplies for schools, BOE, council. Less toxic alternatives?*

Christopher Lotito:

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

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Coordinate 2010 clean-up. *See above.*
- 2) *Perform stream inspections as time allows and alert Tom N of progress.*

Philip Dickinson:

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

- 1) M2010-007
 - a) From – State of NJ DEP Environmental Regulation
 - b) Date – 1/13/2010
 - c) Subject – Treatment Works Approval
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Approval for Village Area Sewer Project
- 2) M2010-008
 - a) From – State of NJ DEP Division of Water Supply
 - b) Date – 1/22/2010
 - c) Subject – Construction Permit replace water main in the Village area.
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Construction of 13,744 L.F. of 6, 8, and 12 inch CLDIP water main replacing 6 and 8 inch water main in Village Area.
- 3) M2010-009
 - a) From – Bamboo Brook
 - b) Date – 1/2010 or 2/2010
 - c) Subject – Land Conservation Rally
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – March 20, 2010 at Montclair State University
- 4) M2010-010
 - a) From – ANJEC
 - b) Date – 1/2010 or 2/2010
 - c) Subject – 2010 Smart Growth Planning for Municipalities
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Application Deadline 3/31/2010
- 5) M2010-011
 - a) From – Earth Day Shirts
 - b) Date – 1/2010 or 2/2010
 - c) Subject – Sale of Earth Days Shirts
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Cost \$7.95 each. Free personalization with 12 or more.
- 6) M2010-012
 - a) From – Pequannock River Coalition Newsletter
 - b) Date – 1/26/2010
 - c) Subject – Newsletter
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Large article on salt in Pequannock's drinking water.
- 7) M2010-013
 - a) From – CMX
 - b) Date – 1/27/2010

- c) Subject – Application for Highlands Applicability Determination by Erickson Retirement Communities
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Application of file with Pequannock Clerk
- 8) M2010-014
- a) From – CMX
 - b) Date – 2/16/2010
 - c) Subject – Notice: Erickson Retirement Communities submitted an Application for Highlands Applicability Determination.
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Pipe Replacement, Floodwall and Inlet project
- 9) M2010-015
- a) From – Air, Land & Sea
 - b) Date – 2/16/2010
 - c) Subject – Legal Notification, Application for a Flood Hazard Area Control Act Individual Permit
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – 441 Newark Pompton Turnpike in Wayne, construction of three new office buildings, parking area and detention basin.
- 10) M2010-016
- a) From – CMX
 - b) Date – 2/17/2010
 - c) Subject – Notification, Application for a Flood Hazard Area Control Act Individual Permit
 - d) Action – FYI, this should be kept with Clerk
 - e) Details – Pipe Replacement, Floodwall and Inlet project
- 11) M2010-017
- a) From – Dave Hollberg, Township Manager
 - b) Date – 2/18/2010
 - c) Subject – Municipal Energy Audit
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Required information sent, proceeding with Energy Audit of Municipal Buildings
- 12) M2010-018
- a) From – Dave Hollberg, Township Manager
 - b) Date – 2/19/2010
 - c) Subject – Carlson Place
 - d) Action – FYI and comments sought.
 - e) Details – Karl *Bauer* requested that the unimproved portion of the paper street Carlson Place be vacated by the township
- 13) M2010-019

- a) From – Air, Land & Sea
- b) Date – 2/22/2010
- c) Subject – Submission of a Flood Hazard Area Control Act Individual Permit
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – 441 Newark Pompton Turnpike in Wayne, construction of three new office buildings, parking area and detention basin.

14) M2010-020

- a) From – EPA
- b) Date – 2/2010 or 3/2010
- c) Subject – Free Environmental Compliance Training and Money Saving Opportunity
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Two day workshop, Regulatory Issues and Pollution Prevention Tactics for Municipalities

15) M2010-021

- a) From – NJ DEP
- b) Date – 2/26/2010
- c) Subject – Notice of Public Comment Period regarding Proposed amendments to the FFY2010 Clean Water Priority System/Intended use Plan
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – To comply with Congress's FFY 2010 Appropriations Act regarding the State's Clean Water (CW) SRF Program.

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) 4/17/2010 Annual River Clean up.
- 3) May 8, 2010 (rain date May 22, 2010) - Jeff Keller to lead hike through Mountainside Park, then present at Cedar Crest, then hike back. We can video tape this hike, helping to justify 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.