

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 14, 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)
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes - 3/10/2010
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) \$720 from 2010, \$351 reserved from 2009 to pay for a spring hike with Jeff Keller.
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - 1) Jeff Keller / Cedar Crest: Hike May 8, 1-5pm Action Item: contact NY NJ Trail Association about map. Registration?
 - 2) Articles (hard copies)
 - 3) Website
 - 4) Alex Ave No-Litter sign is up!
 - 5) Jen's position on EC is open
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
 - 1) Fed Govt – flood assistance center at PAL building Lincoln Park – eligible for funds – can be used for PV park renovation – sand washout, umbrella damage.
 - 2) SLAP Labor for DPW walkers with cleaning flood debris in open space properties.
 - 3) Water main project in Village – bids coming in 30% less than engineer's estimate.
 - 4) Budget process to be introduced – goal to eliminate \$300K to offset lost State Aid.
 - 5) Montville's Community Garden Regs – use as a template – give feedback to Joe/Denise on this.
 - 6) New Township Engineer is now on board.
- I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip) Joe:
 - 1) Revisiting sign ordinance
- J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)

- 1) Renewed interest in selling to Township – 6 more properties interested. Last house on N. Pequannock Ave is now under contract for October. Funds are still available from Green Acres.
- 2) EC is partner with Open Space Plan update. Tom N and Tom A worked to get the application in on time (early April). Contractor: The Land Conservancy of Morris County.
- 3) Rudy to be unofficial liaison with Parks & Rec.

K) Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)

- 1) Final draft on bid documents.

L) Business

- 1) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections. Extension of West Sunset; West ditch sunset to Jacksonville Road. Mosquito control is planning to clean out. Joe said the town did remove the chains to prevent the gates from being closed.
- 2) Annual River Clean up set for 4/17/2010. Rudy shopped for materials at Shoprite, Target using gift certificates. Did not find \$50 Walmart certificate (they reported that someone picked it up – Tom N suggests next year we arrange to have contributors mail certificates to Town Hall, or if not to make sure they get a name and signature.) Rudy will get tax free number from Janice in finance to leverage the gift certificates even more. Rudy is expecting about 40 volunteers. Jacksonville Chapel will be sending a contingent. Two scout troops – one has 12 people (Tom Flood), other (Tom Murphy) hasn't gotten back yet. Joe will bring tent.
- 3) PV Park water quality/clarity. Awaiting results of Berm study. Opening day is anticipated to be on schedule.
- 4) Community Garden, status? See above.
- 5) Ho-Down. – Composter. Reusable shopping bags are still a great idea – plain bags with table for kids – art. Saturday September 18th is date.
- 6) Walkable Communities Workshop Program. One area per DOT: On Turnpike from Greenwood Ave to Triangle by Midlantic Bank – includes Bike Path.
- 7) Grants
 - a) ANJEC grant to update Pequannock's Open Space and Recreation Plan – see above.
- 8) Alexander jug handle – see above.

M) Action Items:

All:

- 1) Stream inspections.
- 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. *Has not done yet.*
- 2) Send note to Dolores Sweeny about membership vacancy. *Done.*
- 3) Coordinate May 8 hike/presentation with Jeff Keller and Cedar Crest. *Ongoing.*
- 4) Review stream-inspection reports completed since last submittal. When complete, submit the new reports to Council. *Ongoing.*

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) Get township staff for “Green Team” for “Sustainable NJ”. Resolution from Council on Green Team. *Will check.*
- 1) Ask friend about videotaping. *Tom Newman has a video camera if needed.*

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Do website updates, from 1/14/2009 minutes. *Done.*
- 2) Keep track of municipal energy audit; the Contact is Ben Jackal with TRC Energy Services, (732) 855 2894. RFP will await new township engineer. *Nothing new.*
- 3) Have ANJEC dues paid. *Done.*
- 4) Look into Walkable Communities Workshop for Pequannock. *Ongoing.*

Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ. – *Emailed Ron Baran. Joe was at the last meeting—want to do a Green Fair at Ho Down and/or Street Fair (will get points for public outreach events). Typically street fair in June/July.*

Christopher Lotito:

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Coordinate 2010 clean-up.

Philip Dickinson:

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

- 1) M2010-022
 - a) From – State of NJ DEP
 - b) Date – 3/17/2010

- c) Subject – Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – 11 Village Road, no further action required
- 2) M2010-023
 - a) From – Township of Pequannock
 - b) Date – 3/17/2010
 - c) Subject – Notify that a Flood Hazard Individual Permit submitted
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Project: Village Area Sewers
- 3) M2010-024
 - a) From – State of NJ DEP Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement
 - b) Date – 3/18/2010
 - c) Subject – Covello on East Garden Place (Block 902, Lot11)
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Final Administrative Consent Order, actions and penalty
- 4) M2010-025
 - a) From – Township of Pequannock
 - b) Date – 3/29/2010
 - c) Subject – Application for ANJEC grant
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Open Space and Recreation Plan Update
- 5) M2010-026
 - a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
 - b) Date – 3/30/2010
 - c) Subject – The Pequannock Post
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Newsletter
- 6) Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority: Wellhead Protection Ordinance – sample ordinance to protect the town’s wells.
- 7) Lincoln Park Airport: 12,000 gallon above ground fuel tank – permit.
- 8) Pequannock Township: Ho Down. Joe will have an extra table if we need it. What can and cannot go into a composter?
- 9) Newsletter PRC:
- 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) Spring 2010 - 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.