

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, September 8, 2010; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call
(Tom N., Rudy, Philip, Christopher, Tom A., Lisa, Joe)
- C) Public Comments
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes - 6/9/2010 – *Lisa and Tom N.*
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) \$305.65, *last expense is \$234.90 for giveaway reusable shopping bags. The bags are at Tom Andrea's house, three large boxes..*
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
 - 1) *Ho Down game? NEED SPINNER – Tom N to send email to Jim I. Composter questions add to game, rain barrel*
 - 2) *Green Team pencils*
 - 3) *Ranger Hike in Mountainside Park (Wolf Walk)*
- 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 Rudy submitted Beaver Brook Road (West Ditch) – Tom N to review and submit to Council along with others done in the spring.*
 - 2) *Annual River Clean Up*
 - 3) *PV Park water quality/clarity – closed once in August – otherwise a better job this year with algae*
 - 4) *Community Garden, status? Picnic for tenants.*
 - 5) *Ho-Down*
 - 6) *Walkable Communities Workshop Program. Wed Sept 15th 9am-12:30 at Engine Co #2 for workshop.*
 - 7) *Grants*
 - a) *ANJEC grant to update Pequannock's Open Space and Recreation Plan, Not Received.*
 - b) *Seed Grants for Greenways Projects Kodak American Greenways Awards Program (ANJEC email, May 4th)*

- 8) Ordinances or Resolutions
- 9) Municipal Well Head Protection Ordinance – *Joe J reported to council that EC is not supporting this. Ed E asked whether there are some good elements that should be supported.*
- 10) Bamboo, Environmental Commission's recommendations to Council on invasive forms of this plant. *Remove, a local expert was found?*

M) Action Items:

All:

- 1) Stream inspections.
- 2) Website: *compile list of websites and internet links to include. Give Tom A more information.*
- 3) Ho Down: *Need to order bags, assemble composter, get info RE composting, come up with suitable game/activity. Schedule: setup by 11am; officially open 12-7. Need a tent. Have Tom N, Rudy, Lisa. Tom A, Christopher not going to be available. Need slips of paper – Tom N will make these. Bring camera. Delivery of composter if they cannot take with them. Need a tent, table, chairs (Tom N will bring 1 folding chair).*

Tom Newman:

- 1) Review stream-inspection reports completed since last submittal. *When complete, submit the new reports to Council.*
- 2) *Reach out to Tom Burbridge of MCMUA for 2011.*

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) Get township staff for "Green Team" for "Sustainable NJ". Resolution from Council on Green Team. We do have a staff person from Town to Green Team. . *Or ask Dave Hollberg – Tom A will take care of this.*
- 2) Will get energy audits from Dave Hollberg.

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Keep track of municipal energy audit; the Contact is Ben Jackal with TRC Energy Services, (732) 855 2894. *RFP will await new township engineer.*
- 2) Walkable Communities Workshop for Pequannock. *Workshop set for 9AM to 12:30PM at Fire Company #2 on Wednesday, 9/15.*
- 3) *Notify Dave Hollberg that the EC supports the well head protection ordinance?*

Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ. *Reason for Green Fair is to get points for this. Points are cumulative. More points qualify you for more grants. Note that the new clerk, Jay, is a grant application writer.*
- 2) Project Porchlite – contact for Ho-Down. *They are coming.*

Christopher Lotito:

-review website. *Tom N to fwd organization email to Christopher*

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Continue Stream Inspections.
- 2) 2011 River Clean-up planning.

Philip Dickinson:

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

1) M2010-051

- a) From – Township of Pequannock Planning Board
- b) Date – 6/29/2010
- c) Subject – Heritage Home Builders, 749 Turnpike
- d) Action – For Comments, *None made*
- e) Details – Subdivision Application

2) M2010-052

- a) From – Almetek Industries, Inc, Hackettstown, NJ
- b) Date – 8/2010
- c) Subject – Catalog
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Environmental related catalog, i.e. storm drain medals

3) M2010-053

- a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
- b) Date – 8/2010
- c) Subject – The Pequannock Post Newsletter
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Volume 15, Issue 4, bi-monthly

4) M2010-054

- a) From – KMB Design
- b) Date – 8/30/2010
- c) Subject – Flood Hazard Permit, 30 Hillview Road, Grow Rite Nursery
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Proposed Wireless Communications Facility, T-Mobile

- O) General Calendar
 - 1) Ho Down – September 18
- 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.