

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 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 – *Jeff Mauriello, Environmental Studies Major at Ramapo, might join Environmental Commission*
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes - 9/8/2010 – *Lisa motioned, Rudy 2nd*
- F) Budget Report (Tom A.) \$305.65 *remaining*
- G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
  - 1) *Wrote article with photos and submitted to Suburban Trends (had to resubmit). Included write-up of winner of composter as well as "Green Alley" at Ho-Down.*
  - 2) *From Ho Down: interest in preventing proliferation of "artificial turf" fields and lights in town.*
  - 3) *Girl scout tour of water facilities – Tom Newman had developed a tour but the Two Bridges Sewage Treatment Plant was under construction.*
- H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)
  - 1) *Henry Samek – said he inspected the Spring Brook near Rodont Ditch and found stagnant conditions, wanted to know why the Council hadn't acted.*
  - 2) *Henry Samek also found a missing seal on the gas pump at the Public Works on Alexander Ave.*
  - 3) *Resident complained about leaves clogging ditches near Lyman park*
  - 4) *Skate park – an issue of liability if someone is injured*
  - 5) *Shirt or hat? Perhaps a National Park Service type hat, or a baseball cap type; other ideas: t shirts, GPS, waders. Get prices and next time do a vote.*
- I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)
- J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)
  - 1) *No quorum Monday night, but issues include continued acquisition of homes/properties. Pursuing Shotmeier property.*
- K) Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)
  - 1) *Finished, bids back, good rates expected to go down. Separate contracts for recyclables vs waste vs vegetation.*
- L) Business

- 1) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections *Rudy submitted West Ditch north of Jacksonville Ave– Tom N to review and submit to Council along with others done in the spring.*
- 2) Annual River Clean Up – *first Saturday in April, April 2, 2011*
- 3) PV Park water quality/clarity – *was better this year, perhaps due to the professional care; should put snow fencing up again this year to keep out the geese and the leaves*
- 4) Community Garden, status? *Successful year*
- 5) Ho-Down – *see above and Need Recycle Bins at Ho-Down*
- 6) Walkable Communities Workshop Program. *Held on Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-12:30 at Engine Co #2 for. Workshop went very well. Excellent support from township. DOT will create a document.*
- 7) Grants
- 8) Ordinances or Resolutions **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. EC needs to review it.*

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: Tom N wrote article and submitted to Suburban Trends.  
NEXT YEAR: add placing recycling bins next year ahead of time. Also recycling containers should be NEXT TO the garbage bins.

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) Will get energy audit information from Dave Hollberg. Done, but Dave did not know.

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's attention.

2) Get township staff name for “Green Team” for “Sustainable NJ”. *It was Janice former CFO, he will need to assign someone else.*

Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ. Tom N’s article will give us points.
- 2) Project Porchlite – contact for Ho-Down. *DID NOT SHOW UP.*

Christopher Lotito:

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

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Continue Stream Inspections.
- 2) 2011 River Clean-up planning, 4/2/2011.

Philip Dickinson:

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

1) M2010-055

- a) From – Schwanewede/Hals Engineering
- b) Date – 9/17/2010
- c) Subject – Flood Hazard Area Verification & Individual Permit
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Washington Park Improvements

2) M2010-056

- a) From – Morris County Agriculture Development Board
- b) Date – 9/20/2010
- c) Subject – 90-day Municipal Notification of Targeted Farms
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Annual notice that farms in Pequannock are targeted for preservation.

3) M2010-057

- a) From – PlanetHugger,
- b) Date – 9/21/2010
- c) Subject – Two free tickets to Tom Newman for GreenFest
- d) Action – Offer
- e) Details – On 10/1-10/3 GreenFest occurred

4) M2010-058

- a) From – Robert Jonas
- b) Date – 9/28/2010
- c) Subject – Copy of letter to Cedar Crest requesting limited entry
- d) Action – FYI

- e) Details – Admittance to do Mountainside Park Trail maintenance.
- 5) M2010-059
  - a) From – Schwanewede/Hals Engineering
  - b) Date – 9/29/2010
  - c) Subject – Flood Hazard Area Verification & Individual Permit
  - d) Action – FYI
  - e) Details – Washington Park Improvements
- 6) M2010-060
  - a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
  - b) Date – 10/2010
  - c) Subject – Newsletter
  - d) Action – FYI
  - e) Details – Volume 15, Issue 5
- 7) M2010-061
  - a) From – David Hollberg, Township Manager
  - b) Date – 10/8/2010
  - c) Subject – Environmental Commission Budget for 2011
  - d) Action – Define how we are going to use our \$1000
  - e) Details – We need to make a best guess on our budget
- 8) M2010-062
  - a) From – Ross Kushner, Executive Director, Pequannock River Coalition
  - b) Date – 10/2010
  - c) Subject – Removal of Japanese Knotweed
  - d) Action – Removing it locally
  - e) Details – Guide on how to remove Japanese Knotweed

O) General Calendar

April 2, 2011 - Annual River Clean Up

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.