

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013; 7:30 PM  
Pequannock Town Hall  
Second Floor Conference Room

A) Call to Order: 7:33pm

B) Roll Call

1) Members (Present/Absent):

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| a) <u>Chair: Tom Newman</u>                        | <u>present</u> |
| b) <u>Secretary: Tom Andrea</u>                    | <u>present</u> |
| c) <u>Open Space Liaison: Rudy Steinthal</u>       | <u>present</u> |
| d) <u>Planning Board Liaison: Philip Dickenson</u> | <u>present</u> |
| e) <u>Jeff Mauriello</u>                           | <u>present</u> |
| f) <u>Ron Baran</u>                                | <u>present</u> |
| g) <u>Tom Murphy</u>                               | <u>absent</u>  |
| h) <u>Alternate #1: Ralph DiBuono</u>              | <u>absent</u>  |
| i) <u>Council Liaison: Melissa Florance-Lynch</u>  | <u>present</u> |

C) Public Comments (list those in attendance)

D) Special Presentations

E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – 3/13/2013 Rudy motioned to approve, Ron seconded

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

1) M2013-006

- a) From – LT Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- b) Date – 3/13/2013
- c) Subject – NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Verification and Individual Permit
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – In Wayne, 96 Umberto Street, adding 1,140 SF to an existing garage
- f) No comments

2) M2013-007

- a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
- b) Date – 4/2013
- c) Subject – Newsletter
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Annual Awards, Winter Hike completed, Spring hike coming up.
- f) No comments

3) M2013-008

- a) From Pequannock's Mayor thanking donors for Cleanup
- b) No Comments

4) E2013-01

- a) From - Kyle Rigby [mailto:khrigby@gmail.com]
- b) Date - Fri 3/15/2013 12:05 PM
- c) Subject – Tree taken down by township without notification
- d) Action - None
- e) Detail – The tree was in the township's right-of-way and could be taken down by the township.

G) Budget Report (Tom A.)

*Balance - \$650*

H) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

*1) Tree removed from Lyman Ave – Tom N. had responded by recommending to homeowner to measure distance to tree stump*

*2) Microbial testing of PV Park*

I) Town Council Liaison Report (Melissa)

*1) Green Team resolution passed for 2013 Green Team– appointed 5 members, including Ralph, Lisa Martinus, Elaine Baccarelli, Alberta Aleva, Kay Collins. New meeting nights will be 4<sup>th</sup> Monday monthly. The resolution is good for one year, latter an ordinance is planed to make the Green Team permanent.*

*2) PV Park waterfowl issue.*

*3) Washington Park – dirt pile contaminated – need to get rid of it, will use Open Space funds for that.*

*4) Town hired engineer, Joe Golden, starting on May 6, 2013*

*5) Flood Plain Ordinances will be reviewed*

*6) Blending Facility – building going up nearing completion.*

J) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip) - *Last meetings cancelled.*

K) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)

*1) 58 Pequannock Ave – FEMA closure*

*2) Harrison Ave - Oil Tank mitigation ongoing*

*3) Riverwalk Easements sought from owners along river.*

*4) Open Space dollars will not be used on ball field at Gerace but will be used at Washington Park.*

*5) Part of May meeting will be a joint one with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, will talk about River Walk properties we already own.*

L) Business

*1) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections - no comments*

*2) Mayor's River Clean Up – April 6, 2013: (Rudy) –*

- a) 58 volunteers including 4 that did not do cleanup (photographer, paperwork, etc.) Open Space had many volunteers. Scouts were not available due to Spring Break/vacations.
- b) 30 cubic yard container mostly filled
- c) Next Year: make sure tick warning is clear!
- d) Had 1 pickup truck and 1 trailer (could have used more – idea for next year is to get more volunteer truck/trailer)
- e) Donations: 7 cases of water from BJs so now have 100+ water bottles that Rudy recommends donating to Parks & Rec's "Spring Fling" (coaches, programs, scouts, PV park booths on showcase for parents) or the picnic.
- f) Had done PV Park/Woodland Lake, Hidden Cove, Rockledge Park, Pequannock Ave, Spring Brook; Did NOT do jug handles because DOT did it for us on the day before, and did NOT do Aquatic Park due to lack of pickup truck accessibility (need ATV); did NOT do Spring Brook due to lack of material.

3) PV Park water quality/clarity –  
 a) . (addressed above)

4) Street Fair - Sunday, June 9 from  
<http://www.jcpromotions.info/pages/schedule.html> website

5) Ho-Down - September 21, 2013 (Saturday) 11am-5pm, Rain Date - September 22

6) Walkable Communities Workshop Program

- a) Once our new engineer and Council have had a chance to review the plans we can go over the plans. New engineer, Joe Golden, will start on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

7) Grants

- a) Litter-free grant
- b) Open-Space ANJEC grant (80 hrs) – Jeff will take a look at the grant.

8) Ordinances or Resolutions

9) Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up - scheduled for October 19, 2013

10) Our file cabinet was moved to the mailroom, three large boxes still in the hallway, under the bench, need to be moved

11) Green Team:

- a) Needs members

12) Environmental Clubs at Elementary Schools (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades): Tom A. will advisor for each club– meaning at each school will meet once a month. Projects such as bottle cap collection to show how little things add up, also a birdhouse project idea.

M) Action Items:

All:

- 1) Stream inspections.
- 2) Website: Compile list of websites and internet links to include.
- 3) Town Newsletter: Tom Newman submitted an ANJEC article on New Jersey's Fertilizer Law to place in the newsletter.
- 4) Volunteer for the Green Team?
- 5) Ideas for 2013
  - a) *Website update, including links to a variety of topics*
  - b) *Presentation – at library and/or at Cedar Crest?*
  - c) *Hike with Jeff Keller*
- 6) Add Water Blending to ERI.

Tom Newman:

- 1) Review stream-inspection reports completed since last submittal. When complete, submit the new reports to Council. Ongoing – working toward summer completion/presentation to Planning Board. Phil suggests July, Tom N to reach out to Linda Z for scheduling in July.
- 2) Ask engineer if township has the information on the storm water infrastructure as required by the MS4 permits, including Catch Basins, culverts, or other storm water infrastructure around town – current equipment (cameras, for example) automatically get GIS coordinates and would be suitable for GIS. The EC will be happy to assist in the process.
- 3) Conduct a “Day in the Life of a Water Droplet in Pequannock” for the scouts.
- 4) Make a list of the reports that have been done.
- 5) Reach out to Jeff Keller to see if he's available for another hike, what time of year would be best, charges, etc.
- 6) Send list of Blue-Line reports done to Rudy.

Melissa Florance-Lynch:

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Do stream report for Glens area walked with Tom Newman:  
[http://www.everytrail.com/view\\_trip.php?trip\\_id=470637](http://www.everytrail.com/view_trip.php?trip_id=470637) .
- 2) Status of \$500 “Litter Free Grant” application from Morris County.
- 3) Reach out to Watershed Ambassador.

Rudy Steinthal:

1) Blue line listing for checklist (name streams), using files from Tom N.

Philip Dickinson:

Jeff Mauriello:

Ron Baran:

Tom Murphy:

1) Review Tom N's ideas RE website changes.

N) General Calendar

June 9, 2013, Pequannock Street Fair

September 21, 2013 (Saturday) 11am-5pm, Rain Date - September 22

October 19, 2013, MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up Day

O) Adjournment Tom N. motioned to adjourn 8:59pm, seconded by Phil

### 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.