

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013; 7:30 PM

Pequannock Town Hall

Second Floor Conference Room

A) Call to Order. *7:41pm*

B) Roll Call

1) Members (Present/Absent):

a) Chair: Tom Newman *present*

b) Secretary: Tom Andrea *absent*

c) Open Space Liaison: Rudy Steinthal *present*

d) Planning Board Liaison: Philip Dickenson *present*

e) Jeff Mauriello *present*

f) Ron Baran *absent*

g) Tom Murphy *present*

h) Alternate #1: Ralph DiBuono *present*

i) Council Liaison: Melissa Florance-Lynch *present*

C) Public Comments (list those in attendance)

D) Special Presentations

E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – 5/8/2013 *Tom M motioned to accept and Ralph seconded.*

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

1) M2013-015

a) From – NY SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

b) Date – 6/26/13

c) Subject – Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist

d) Action – FYI

e) Details – For 84 Lincoln Park Road, Pequannock – seeking Letter of interpretation, establish Boundaries.

f) We should compare the wetlands delineation that the applicant develops with what we already have in the ERI.

G) Budget Report (Tom A.)

Balance - \$650

H) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

I) Town Council Liaison Report (Melissa)

1) PV Park test: Two days fecal coliform exceeded standards and PV Park was closed. The EC again recommends dual samples be taken so that DNA testing can be done on samples that exceed standards. The only way this can be done is if dual samples are taken. The EC commission would be happy to describe this process to anyone who is curious, and the DNA testing lab would be happy

to speak to anyone at the Township or the Township's laboratory to discuss how this would work.

- 2) *Mosquito Control: Glens has requested service from the Morris County Mosquito Commission, who came in on July 5. Melissa spoke to the MC Superintendent, Kris McMorland, 973.285.6450. EC to put link to MCMC on EC website.*
- 3) *Paving being done in town on Newark Pompton Turnpike, took out tracks at Alexander Ave, will also on NPT.*
- 4) *Water Blending Facility: fully operational as of July 5. Hardness down by 60% with the 25/75 Newark/well split.*
- 5) *Joe Golden town engineer looking at de-snagging. Note the letter from Joe on the town's website (Newsletter).*
- 6) *Alexander Ave at NPT rezoning: dropped.*

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

- 1) *Chilton is approved officially.*
- 2) *Approved sign for lawyers office on NPT.*
- 3) *CIA for Alexander at NPT was passed by PB, sent to Council.*

K) **Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy) No Meeting, No Report**

L) **Business**

- 1) *Ditch/Flood Gate inspections -*
- 2) *Mayor's River Clean Up (Rudy) –*
 - a) *Proposed 2014 River cleanup: Saturday, April 5th 2014*
- 3) *PV Park water quality/clarity –*
 - a) *Tom A went for a swim on 7/9/2013 and the water clarity was excellent!*
- 4) *Ho-Down - September 21, 2013 (Saturday) 11am-5pm, Rain Date - September 22*

a) **THEMES/GAMES:**

1. *Mosquito control best practices*
 - a. *Ralph will get info from MCMC to make a fliers*
2. *Recycling/disposal practices – have game now with laminated, will use Oscar the Grouch can.*
3. *Parks and Town's natural resources*

b) **PRIZES:**

1. *Composter – wins vote (5 votes)*
2. *Rain Barrel - (1 vote)*
3. *Soda-making machine – 1(vote)*
 - a. *Maybe could get this at ShopRite*

c) **RAFFLE ITEMS:**

1. *Reusable bags*
2. *Pencils are missing!*
3. *Gift cards for ShopRite (\$200), FoodTown (\$25, Target (\$20)*

a. *Jeff will check for possible prizes at ShopRite*

d) *MANNING BOOTH SCHEDULE: TBD in September*

5) 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. *Joe Golden, town engineer, is interested in this.*

6) Grants

a) *Jeff submitted ANJEC Stewardship Grant – (80 hours in kind from EC and Township volunteered). Still no response. Jeff to call ANJEC to ask.*

7) Ordinances or Resolutions

a) Tom A will be working on one related to the Threatened and Endangered Species Workshop he took. Emailed a sample ordinance we can discuss.

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

9) Green Team:

a) Will sponsor another shred day; November 9th.

10) ANJEC Training

11) Bio Blitz, could we do one at Woodland Lake??? Example:

<http://web.uconn.edu/mnh/bioblitz/>

12) Environmental Clubs in schools, Tom A. Advisor.

a) Applications in for monthly meetings in all three elementary schools and PV Middle School in 2013/2014 school year. PV Middle School and North Boulevard School approved.

M) Action Items:

All:

1) Stream inspections.

2) Website: Compile list of websites and internet links to include.

3) *Town Newsletter: Q2 was just published. Q3 would be September.*

4) 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

5) 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.

Melissa Florance-Lynch:

- 1) Call Green Sky about shred day, maybe 11/9/2013, *Booked*.
- 2) Can Morris County Mosquito Commission let Environmental Commission know when they will be doing work in town?

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Do stream report for Glens area walked with Tom Newman:
http://www.everytrail.com/view_trip.php?trip_id=470637 .

Rudy Steinthal:

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

Philip Dickinson:

Jeff Mauriello:

Contact

Ron Baran:

Tom Murphy:

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

N) General Calendar

September 21, 2013 (Saturday) Ho-Down 11am-5pm, Rain Date – 9/22

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

O) Adjournment: 9:11pm

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.