

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 14, 2015; 7:30 PM

Pequannock Town Hall

Second Floor Conference Room

A) Call to Order pm

B) Roll Call

1) Members (Present/Absent):

a) Chair: Tom Newman

b) Secretary: Tom Andrea

c) Open Space Liaison: Jeff Mauriello

d) Ralph DiBuono

e) Alberta Alleva

f) Lorelle Laub

g) Anna Wu

h) Alternate #1: Vacant

i) Alternate #2: Vacant

j) Council Liaison: Melissa Florance-Lynch

** No Required Planning Board Liaison, one of our members should be on Planning Board **

C) Public Comments (list those in attendance)

D) Special Presentations – Pilgrim Pipeline, Overview and answer our questions.

George Bochis, VP for Development at Pilgrim Pipeline

George Felcyn, Director, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

Greg Mencken, Beckerman Public Relations

E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 2014

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

1) M2015-001

a) From – ANJEC

b) Date – 12/2014

c) Subject – Membership Renewal

d) Details – 2015 renewal \$290, workshop plan \$60

e) Action – Renew, with or without workshop plan

G) Budget Report (Tom A.) 2014 - \$0, last dollars spent on 120 Go-Again Cooler Bags, expected budget for 2015 \$1,000

H) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

I) Town Council Liaison Report (Melissa)

- J) Planning Board Liaison Report (No Planning Board Liaison)
- K) Open Space Liaison Report (Jeff)
- L) Green Team (Ralph)
- M) Business
 - 1) Blue Line Inspections – Can start now that it's winter. First inspection would Aquatic Park, stream near Carlson Place. Second would be to start a second round, West Parkway starting up along Leveridge Lane down past Saddle and down to Arundel (which is where we started the inspections). Ralph is interested.
 - 2) PV Park water quality/clarity – hold for later
 - 3) Ho-Down – hold for later
 - 4) Walkable Communities Workshop Program – *When will a plan be shown at a Council Meeting?*
 - 5) Grants – *ANJEC grants are coming –*
 - 6) Ordinances or Resolutions
 - a) Threatened and Endangered Species – Tom A to write a summary and get info from a town that did pass a similar one.
 - b) Pilgrim Pipeline:
 - c) Tuxedo, Sterling Forest Casino:
 - d) Catch basin oil-separator maintenance: Discussion that such devices do not operate unless they are maintained, but the Township has no mechanism to track whether owners are maintaining them or to dictate that owners maintain them. Should the Township consider changing this situation?
 - 7) Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up – none scheduled for 2015
 - 8) EC Website - (Tom N)
 - 9) Green Team (Ralph)
 - 10) ANJEC Training –
 - 11) Bio Blitz – per discussions in early 2014, we should participate in another one, or invite a Watershed Ambassador to lead one in town. Example: <http://web.uconn.edu/mnh/bioblitz/> -- Ralph to start looking out for the ambassador
 - 12) Environmental Clubs in schools, Tom A. Advisor :
 - a) NBS – 12 members: project selected: movie night, recycling video and recycle art.
 - b) Hillview – 0 members
 - c) Gerace – 2 members, Make recycled paper, benefits of bugs and recycle art (shadow art)
 - d) PV – 7 members, Adopt a river or stream, Animation (stop motion) computer video movie and March in Memorial Day Parade.

- 13) Environmental Resource Inventory Updates (need to be presented to and approved by the Planning Board).
 - a) Add new Stream Inspection Reports.
 - b) Add information about the water blending.
 - c) GIS Map Updates to reflect Green Acres purchases:
- 14) Community Garden – ():

N) Action Items:

All:

- 1) Website: Compile list of websites and internet links to include in our new website resource. (cc all please).
- 2) Town Newsletter now online, new ones more often: contribute articles on an ongoing basis – Diane Rizzi asking. Note, Diane is moving from quarterly to smaller, more frequent write-ups.

Tom Newman:

- 1) Review stream-inspection reports completed since last submittal. When complete, submit the new reports to Council. *Ongoing*
- 2) Contact Joe Golden (Township Engineer) to:
 - a. Invite him to an EC meeting. Not done (retain)
 - b. Ask 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. Not done (retain)
 - c. Ask how the “Day in the Life of a Water Droplet in Pequannock” field day might be coordinated. Not done (retain)
- 3) Website – use email that Tom A found to continue website redesign for information clearinghouse. (*retain*)
- 4) *Submit an annual summary to the Council of the EC’s activities in 2014.*

Melissa Florance-Lynch:

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Do stream report for Glens area walked with Tom Newman: (retain until report is completed) http://www.everytrail.com/view_trip.php?trip_id=470637
- 2) Post all meeting minutes from the year. Tom A has a flash drive for Michelle that contains all the minutes for the year. Done
- 3) Make “Executive Summary” on Threatened and Endangered Species Ordinance.

4) Do a Stream type report for Pequannock River in Aquatic Park.

Jeff Mauriello:

Ralph DiBuono:

Alberta Alleva:

Lorelle Laub:

Anna Wu:

O) General Calendar

P) Adjournment pm

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.