

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 2009; 7:30 PM
Pequannock Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes (update 1)

A) Call to Order

B) Roll Call

(Christopher, Jen, Tom A., Joe)

C) Public Comments

Will Hardy – Packanack Lake in Wayne has a couple of solar items that run in the water and they possibly reduce algae. We should look into possibly using those devices.

D) Special Presentations

E) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
7/8/2009

F) Budget Report (Tom A.) – \$720 balance

G) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)

H) Town Council Liaison Report (Joe)

Moving forward with Rockledge Community Garden. Two scouts will be using this project for their Eagle Scout achievements. The project may now include raised beds and drip irrigation. A committee will be formed to handle, a Garden Club.

Joint study including Council and BOE are holding meetings. Some issues that are being looked at, fields in town, turf field feasibility and adding school fields to the town's Parks and Recreation's Master Plan.

DPW will be getting above ground tanks for fuel, savings for town, with BOE using tanks, they pay for themselves in three years.

Solar panels?

A lot of the concrete that was on the banks of Woodland Lake was taken out by the DPW.

Paving done at Greenview Park and a pavilion is on the way.

Five hundred people participated in the triathlon and it went over well, maybe an annual event now.

I) Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip)

J) Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)

K) Garbage Committee Report (Joe?)

L) Business

- 1) ERI – Approved – Printing budget \$460 left. Desired, what we were requesting costs \$750 (3 full color @\$190 plus 2 b/w @\$90). What should we do? Update, we had two color ERI's printed and one color ERI with a B&W appendix. We received all hard copies, CDROM's, and source material from Ross.
- 2) Ditch/Flood Gate inspections.
- 3) Annual River Clean up set for 4/17/2010.
- 4) PV Park water quality/clarity.
Residents are offering to help skim algae from lake; if a resident is injured while skimming that is an issue.
Walking on lake bottom while in the lake frees the algae to float up to surface.
A study on the burn is coming in September.
Clarity of PV Park looks great.
They may try to reduce algae blooms in the lake by separating the unused part of the lake with a barrier.
Survey from 100 lake users, a large number may not be back next year and rate the lake fair or average.
Council wants to make lake flourish.
- 5) Community Garden, status?
Talked about in Joe's section above.
- 6) Litter at Route 23 turnaround/ crossing by Hess Station has a litter problem, even after a clean-up earlier in the year. Linda Wells says, "is there anyway we could have the \$200 fine for littering sign which is now at the very end of the turn-around moved to the beginning of the turn around ? It might do more good there. Maybe have the sign put on the Alexander Ave. , u-turn pole by the entrance. As they have already dumped their food remains by the time they see the sign and leave the turn around." Update: Joe will bring this issue up to the Council.

M) Action Items:

All:

- 1) Continue Stream inspections on hold until cold weather.
- 2) Other presentations, ANJEC at Library.
- 3) Prepare for Ho Down by developing ideas for a game/activity

Tom Newman:

- 1) Documentation of "in-kind services" (EC staff hours on the ERI) and submit to Dave Hollberg.
- 2) Coordinate with C. Lotito on write-up of inspection of "Washington Park / Lyman Ave ditch".

- 3) *Ensure that ERI materials are distributed to ANJEC, Library, Town Hall, etc. as necessary; look into making additional copies as appropriate.*
- 4) *Continue to coordinate Fall Hike with Jeff Keller and EC (Jen and Lisa are to be coordinating with Scouts and Cedar Crest, respectively). Tentative dates: Oct 3, 10, or 17.*

Joseph Jorgensen:

- 1) Get township staff for "Green Team" for "Sustainable NJ". Resolution from Council on Green Team.

Thomas Andrea:

- 1) Do website updates, from 1/14/2009 minutes.
None done.
- 2) Keep track of municipal energy audit, *the Contact is Ben Jackal with TRC Energy Services, (732) 855 2894. The town has sent information to Ben, I will contact Ben and see if he needs any thing additional from the town.*
- 3) Check on Ho-Down, how many bags did we give away last year? *The Ho-Down will be on 9/19 and will have the same format as last year where the booths have games. Last year we gave away 300 reusable bags at the Ho-Down, the cost was \$300, each bag had an informative insert, and we purchased them from www.goagainbags.com. Update, this year we are purchasing 300 TOT11-KHAKI bags from <http://www.discountmugs.com/nc/category/tote-bags/>. Using a discount code from <http://www.discountmugs.com/nc/coupon-specials.php> our total cost is \$273.60.*
- 4) Test Environmental Commission's email address, *working fine, a message goes to Tom N and Tom A if any new messages.*
- 5) Look into possible ANJEC Road shows for library. *The cost of a road show is \$220 and below are some topics that may be of interest to the general public. One or two topics would be selected for the road show.*
 - a) *Using Geographic Information Systems - Learn how to make GIS work for your environmental commission and your town.*
 - b) *Preserving Open Space - The environmental and economic benefits of preserving open space, how to create an open space plan, and how to establish an open space tax.*
 - c) *Open Space Stewardship - Learn how to better manage your town's preserved open space, establish an environmentally friendly trails' network, protect and manage trees and woodlands, or deal with invasive species and restore habitat.*

- d) *Walkable/Bikeable Communities - Examine ways to develop facilities and programs that improve bike/pedestrian opportunities. Learn how to plan walking/biking infrastructure, walk-to-school programs and use tools to increase pedestrian safety.*
- e) *Opportunities and Challenges in the NJ Highlands - Learn more about how the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, NJDEP Highlands Regulations and the Highlands Council's Regional Master Plan affect your town.*
- f) *Municipal Actions to Foster Sustainability - Approaches and available resources that can help reduce carbon footprint and foster sustainability through municipal policies, planning, land use decisions and outreach activities.*
- g) *Stormwater Management and the State Stormwater Regulations - Find out ways you can help your town implement NJDEP requirements and protect water quality.*

Jennifer Hardie:

- 1) *Coordinate with scouts and T. Newman for Fall Hike w/Jeff Keller.*

Lisa Martinus:

- 1) Sustainable NJ points.
Dave Hollberg needs information in the next week if you want a resolution passed at the next Council Meeting.
- 2) Hillview School interest in a school Environmental Association?
- 3) Project Porchlight giving CFL's at Ho-Down. *A booth next to the Environmental Commission's booth at the Ho-Down was reserved for the Project PorchLight folks.*
- 4) *Coordinate with Cedar Crest and T.Newman for Fall Hike w/Jeff Keller*

Christopher Lotito:

- 1) Polish final stream inspection reports for season, coordinate with Tom Newman.

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Coordinate 2010 clean-up.

Philip Dickinson:

- N) Correspondence (M – Mail, E – Email)
 - 1) M2009-047

- a) From – NJ DEP Division of Water Quality
 - b) Date – 7/8/2009
 - c) Subject – Cleaning of water mains in Newark
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Fire hydrants replaced as needed
- 2) M2009-048
- a) From – NJ DEP Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control
 - b) Date – 7/7/2009
 - c) Subject – Meeting a town hall to review documents
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – To discuss participation with Robert Grant in National Flood Insurance Program. *Maybe get a 5% to 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums.*
- 3) M2009-049
- a) From – NJ DEP Division of Water Quality
 - b) Date – 7/10/2009
 - c) Subject – Public Notice from Newark
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – About sewer inspection and work on Newark Sewers
- 4) M2009-050
- a) From – NJ DEP Child Care Facility Unit
 - b) Date – 7/13/2009
 - c) Subject – Pompton Plains Pre-School approval
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – At 525 Newark Pompton Turnpike
- 5) M2009-051
- a) From – Dave Hollberg
 - b) Date – 7/21/2009
 - c) Subject – Appointment of Purchasing Agent
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – Holly Lyon appointed
- 6) M2009-052
- a) From – NJ DEP Bureau Northern Field Operations
 - b) Date – 7/22/2009
 - c) Subject – No further Action and Covenant not to sue
 - d) Action – FYI
 - e) Details – 16 Village Road, for underground oil tank
- 7) M2009-053
- a) From – NJ DEP Costal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement
 - b) Date – 7/23/2009

- c) Subject – Notice of Violation
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – James Piro, 14 Romondt Road, placing of fill in back yard near Pompton River

8) M2009-054

- a) From – NJ DEP Environmental Regulation
- b) Date – 7/31/2009
- c) Subject – Money raised from \$3.00 a ton tax on waste brought to solid waste facilities.
- d) Action – FYI *but we may want to see we receive our share and it is pent correctly.*
- e) Details – 60% of money raised returned to municipalities

9) M2009-055

- a) From – Ramm Environmental Services Inc
- b) Date – 8/3/2009
- c) Subject – Indoor Air Quality
- d) Action – FYI, looking for work
- e) Details – Prices for various work given

10) M2009-056

- a) From – NJ DEP
- b) Date – 8/6/2009
- c) Subject – Approval of planning information for a loan to add UV to Two Bridges Sewer Authority
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Amount of the loan sought is \$6,070,000.

11) M2009-057

- a) From – Pequannock River Coalition
- b) Date – July or August 2009
- c) Subject – Newsletter
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – River Clean-up 8/22, etc

12) M2009-058

- a) From – Morris County
- b) Date – July or August 2009
- c) Subject – Morris County Transit Guide
- d) Action – FYI
- e) Details – Large folded map, like a road map.

O) General Calendar

- 1) No Date - Educate residents about pulling invasive plants from town wetlands.

- 2) No Date – ANJEC Road Show in town.
- 3) Autumn - Jeff Keller hike with presentation at Cedar Crest, Mountainside to Cedar Crest, presentation, then back.

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.