

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2013; 7:30 PM  
Pequannock Town Hall  
Second Floor Conference Room

- A) Call to Order: 7:35
- B) Roll Call
  - 1) Members (Present/Absent):
    - a) Chair: Tom Newman *present*
    - b) Secretary: Tom Andrea *present*
    - c) Open Space Liaison: Rudy Steinthal *present*
    - d) Planning Board Liaison: Philip Dickenson *absent*
    - e) Jeff Mauriello *present*
    - f) Ron Baran *present*
    - g) Tom Murphy *absent*
    - h) Alternate #1: Ralph DiBuono *present*
    - i) Council Liaison: Melissa Florance-Lynch *present*
- C) Public Comments (list those in attendance) *Christopher Lotito*
- D) Special Presentations
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – 12/12/2012 *Rudy motioned, Jeff seconded.*
- F) Correspondence ( M – Mail, E – Email)
  - 1) M2013-001
    - a) From – David Hollberg, Township Manager
    - b) Date – 1/8/2013
    - c) Subject – Stream Inspection
    - d) Action – FYI
    - e) Details – *Information that went to residents about stream inspections done by the Environmental Commission and also to which residents the notifications went.*
    - f) *Tentatively Sunday 1pm; Jeff, Ralph, Tom N., possibly Rudy*
- G) Budget Report (Tom A.)
  - 2012 - \$408.03 - \$270 (9 shirts) - \$126.74 (720 Recycled Newspaper Eco Pencils) = \$11.29*
  - 2013 - \$1,000 but note, if there is a known upcoming cost, tell him*
  - ANJEC Renewal Workshop plan*
- H) Chairperson's Report (Tom N.)
  - 1) *Household Hazardous Waste Pickup on Oct 19 – issue with parking lot; I coordinated with Diane Rizzi and gave her Tom Burbridge of MCMUA*
  - 2) *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*

I) **Town Council Liaison Report (Melissa)**

- 1) *Morris County Flood Map Updates: Tom to Call Virginia Michelin at Morris County Planning Dept to see if she knows when we can expect updates to FEMA maps.*
- 2) *Walkable Communities update*
- 3) *Volunteers for Green Team? Ralph, maybe Jeff, maybe Tom A*
- 4) *How can Melissa/Council help the EC? Check ANJEC*

J) **Planning Board Liaison Report (Philip) absent; last meeting cancelled**

K) **Open Space Liaison Report (Rudy)**

- 1) *Has not met yet this month, but had a closing of 5 Riverside Drive now owned by Pequannock.*

L) **Business**

- 1) **Ditch/Flood Gate inspections - will start up in January (12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>).**  
Tom N will send Melissa the lot/block numbers for the remaining streams. *Tentatively 1pm Sunday. Meet at Arundle.*

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

- a) *Where to clean this year?*
- b) *Rudy needs eyes to see state of areas just prior to cleanup*
- c) *Need ATVs.*
- d) *Send Acknowledge letters to High School Students who help, great community service.*

- 3) **PV Park water quality/clarity –**

- a) *Chris Borek from Black Lagoon gave a presentation to the Council on aeration that could be added to PV Park.*

- 4) **Street Fair - Sunday, June 9 from**

<http://www.jcpromotions.info/pages/schedule.html> website

- 5) **Ho-Down**

- 6) **Walkable Communities Workshop Program**

- a) **Plan is put in place but EC has no details, we would like to see those details.**

- 7) **Grants**

- a) **ERI – every 5 years so will be coming up soon, maybe put in for grant in 2013?**

*From ANJEC pdf on ERI's no firm update time but:*

*The ERI is a dynamic document, not cast in concrete. The commission should add to, revise and refine it as members gain knowledge and*

*more data become available. The ERI is a notebook of the accumulated information about an area.*

8) Ordinances or Resolutions

a) The Green Team would like to have an ordinance on idling vehicles adopted by the Council. *Rejected, remove from consideration.*

9) Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up:

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 and Environmental Commission Joint Meeting - 12/18 8pm Senior House

a) *Ron not continuing with the Green Team, Green Team future unsure. Maybe a newspaper article on Green Team would help.*

b) *Anti-idling ordinance stalled by Council*

c) *Environmental Commission can keep in mind earning points.*

<http://www.sustainablejersey.com/>

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d) *Maybe have the Boy Scouts do a skit on recycling on channel 77.*

M) Action Items:

All:

1) Stream inspections.

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

2) Town Newsletter: submit articles to place in the newsletter.

3) Add Water Blending to ERI.

Tom Newman:

1) Blue-line inspections put off until cooler weather. Township notification of adjacent property owners (sent info to Melissa/Diane; letter went out on Jan 8, 2012 notifying residents of Jan 12 and Jan 19 survey). *Now looking at Jan 13 as tentative date.*

2) 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.

3) Conduct a “Day in the Life of a Water Droplet in Pequannock” for the scouts.

4) Ask Dave B. 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.

Melissa Florance-Lynch:

1. Blending Facility Status – *Melissa reported to the group that the facility is expected to be complete in 2013.*
2. *Are donations to River Clean-up tax deductible?*

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) Check on ANJEC books, are there any extras?

Rudy Steinthal:

- 1) Blue line listing for checklist, using files from Tom N.
- 2) Send reminders for Spring Cleanup.

Philip Dickinson:

Jeff Mauriello:

- 1) Accompany someone on blue-line investigation.

Ron Baran:

Tom Murphy:

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

- N) General Calendar  
April 6, 2013, Mayor's Annual River Cleanup (tentative date)  
June 9, 2013, Pequannock Street Fair  
September ??, 2013, Hoe Down  
October 19, 2013, MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up Day
- O) Adjournment 9:38

## 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.