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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2020**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:38PM by Nicole Member with flag salute.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:** In compliance with the New Jersey Assembly Bill No. 1030, notice for this meeting was sent to the *New Jersey Herald* and the *Daily Record* on January 9, 2020 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Owen Newson, Anthony Riccardi, Nicole Member  
Absent: Mike Balogh, John Rogalo

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

February 13, 2020 minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Owen Newson. (MC) Abstention: Nicole Member.

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

2/25/20 Email: From Brian: Open Space Plan: Invitation to collaborate

**Sent:**

2/19/20 Email: EC to Brian McNeilly: ANJEC Grant/Trail maintenance

Correspondence was received. Motion by Owen Newson and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**2019 EC Annual Report:** The 2019 EC Annual Report was approved. Motion by Nicole Member and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

**Musconetcong Watershed Association: Storm Water Presentation:** Tonight's storm water presentation was rescheduled for April 9, 2020, so that current updates on storm water management from DEP could be integrated into the presentation. Anthony will take care of advertising the April workshop.

**Plastic Ordinance research:** Owen reported that a wealth of information on proposing a plastic ordinance for your municipality was found on ANJEC's website. However, it seems the state is close to passing a state wide ban in the near future. Anthony reported

**CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.):**

that the borough plans to order reusable bags printed with the borough's logo to be distributed on Clean Communities Day. The EC requested the Plastic Ordinance topic to remain on the agenda under Old Business.

**Clean Communities:** 4/26/20 is Clean Communities Day. Nicole will send mailing to non-profits. Discussion was held on the current Corona Virus and whether we will be able to have a Clean Communities Day as scheduled. Mike Balogh's suggestion of "Recycling Bill" as a possible Clean Communities program was discussed. Nicole stated that she would look into "Recycling Bill" for next year. But currently, she is trying to confirm with Dave Street and the Valley Road School for a program this Spring.

**Facebook: Topic for the Month:** Anthony will advertise the April storm water presentation as well as Clean Communities Day.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** Owen reported that an invitation to create an Open Space Plan committee was received from Brian. The EC requested Owen send an e-mail to Brian requesting information on the next steps. Anthony stated that the Mayor must appoint the committee.

**Trail Maintenance: ANJEC Grant/Millennium:** Owen has been in contact with the borough grant writer from *Millennium*. He has a scheduled phone meeting with him (Ian) on Wednesday. They will discuss the ANJEC grant application for the remediation of the Tri-Community Trail at Valley Road School.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park plantings:** John and Mike will plant the plantings on Saturday morning, April 25th, the day before Clean Communities Day.

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:** Owen reported that the EC has still not yet received a memo from Brian summarizing the outcome of the meeting with DEP, Stanhope Borough, and the Lake Hopatcong superintendent with regard to the Furnace Pond Park initiative. Anthony said he will follow up again with Brian. Otherwise, no movement reported.

**Invasive Plant Species workshop:** Nicole reported that Andrea Proctor, superintendent at Waterloo has approved Waterloo as the site for the Invasive Plant Species workshop. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th at 1PM in the Mule Barn.

**Lutheran Church easement:** No movement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BILLS:**

\$47.04 *Daily Record* Public Meeting Announcement. Motion to pay was made by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC) Motion to pay was made at the Feb. 13th meeting. Nicole Member signed the voucher at tonight's meeting due to Mike Balogh's absence.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:**

Minutes: 2/12/20 No comment

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:**

**Land Use Board:**

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:**

**Plaster Mill:**

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Nicole Member. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary

