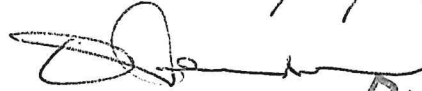


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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

December 14, 2023

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:45 PM by Owen Newson 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 12, 2023 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The November 9, 2023 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Rudy Shlesinger

Abstention: John Rogalo (MC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

11/13/2023 ANJEC: 2024 Dues

11/28/2023 Email/P. Lockburner: Office of Mosquito Control/Free Spotted Lantern Fly traps.

12/1/2023 Patty Zdchochi: Christmas Card for EC

**Sent:**

11/13/2023 Email/Mayor Wronko: EC invitation to January's meeting.

11/13/2023 Email/McNeilly, Horak, Mayor and Council: ANJEC resolutions for consideration.

Correspondence received: motion by Anthony Riccardi and second by John Rogalo (UC)

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Spotted Lantern Fly traps:** Owen reported that 4 traps were received free from the county for the borough. John stated the EC should place them on borough property in May/June. We could coordinate placement with clean-up day. Anthony will store traps until then.

**EC invitation to mayor:** Owen reported that Mayor Wronko accepted our invitation to the January 2024 meeting to discuss EC priorities.

**CURRENT ACTIVITY (cont.):**

**ANJEC resolutions:** Anthony stated that the ANJEC resolutions sent to Mayor and Council in November by the EC were not discussed at the last meeting. He will bring them up at the next Council meeting. The resolutions in question deal with support of Open Space/Hazardous Site clean-up budget funding and rejection of the planned expansion of NJ Turnpike. (Yes to more public transportation)

**MSA Field Trip:** Anthony reported that the MSA would be happy to host a field trip for LVRHS students. Nicole will check with Go Green Club to see if they are interested.

**Sussex County Grant implementation:** No movement

**Green Team:** No movement

**Clean Communities:** Sunday, April 21, 2024 No movement

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Volunteers needed for EC. Anthony will submit.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement.

**Trail Maintenance:** Anthony reported that the Tannery property has infringed on borough property at Furnace Pond. Among other items, a corral with cement footings has been installed on borough property. (This is the proposed trail that connects the basketball courts with the Canal Slip.) Also, the Tannery residents have been operating an unlicensed daycare center on the premises. The borough has been notified and are investigating these violations. In addition, John reported that a mountain bike trail is being constructed in Allamuchy State Park off of Kinney Road in Mount Olive. It is being constructed by State Parks without permits. John has reported the violations to DEP.

**Trex Recycling:** No movement.

**MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:** Anthony reported that the MWA came to the November council meeting and gave a presentation on the watershed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Furnace Pond Park/Permitting:** No movement.

**Lakeside Park plantings:** No movement.

**Lutheran Church Trail easement:** No movement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:** 11/8/23 minutes. Anthony reported that the "Trap/Neuter/Release" program will now be paid by private individuals, not the borough.

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** Rudy reported that the lake shoreline clean-up took place.

**LIAISON REPORTS (cont.):**

Land Use Board:                Lusardi (Block 10607/Lot 5) variance application  
  No Comment  
  Juntos (Block 11205/Lot 4.01) variance application  
  No Comment)

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:  
Musconetcong Sewage Authority:  
Recreation Commission:  
Shade Tree Commission:  
Plaster Mill:  
Water Quality:  
Friends of Furnace Pond:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 with a motion by Rudy Shlesinger and a second by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary