

Approved 2/8/24  


## STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Reorganizational and Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2024

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:30PM 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 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Owen Newson, John Rogalo, Rudy Shlesinger,  
Anthony Riccardi, Nicole Member (7:45)  
**ABSENT:** Michael Balogh,

### RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Appointment of chairperson:**

Nicole Member appointed by mayor as chairperson to a one year term to expire 12-31-24

**Designation of official newspapers:** *New Jersey Herald* and *Daily Record* by council resolution.

**Approval of meeting dates/time/place:** Proposed: 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9/25 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall.)

**Member Re-appointments:**

Owen Newson / 3 year term to expire 12/31/26.  
Rudy Shlesinger / 3 year term to expire 12/31/26.  
(Both members swore to the Oath of Allegiance and Office)

**Appointment of Board Liaisons for 2024:**

Below are the Board Liaisons as agreed to for 2023:

Board of Health: Mike Balogh  
Mayor and Council: Anthony Riccardi  
Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: Rudy Shlesinger  
Land Use Board: John Rogalo  
Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society: Owen Newson  
Musconetcong Sewerage Authority: Anthony Riccardi  
Recreation Commission: Mike Balogh

## **RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (Cont.)**

Shade Tree Commission: Nicole Member  
Plaster Mill: John Rogalo and Owen Newson  
Water Quality: Mike Balogh  
Friends of Furnace Pond: Owen Newson

For 2024, no changes were made.

Motion by Anthony Riccardi and second by John Rogalo to approve the actions of the re-organizational meeting. (UC)

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

December 14, 2023 minutes were approved.

Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Rudy Shlesinger. (UC)

### **OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Invited guest: Mayor Eugene Wronko. Mayor Wronko stayed for the entire meeting and with the commission reviewed and discussed the items on our agenda.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **Received:**

1/9 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's appointments to EC

#### **Sent:**

None

Correspondence was accepted with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Owen Newson. (UC)

### **CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

Owen passed out a revised 2024 EC Membership Directory.

**MSA field trip:** We have yet to receive a response from the Go Green Club. Nicole will follow up.

**Sussex County grant update:** No movement.

**Green Team:** This was discussed at length with the mayor. He is all for it if we can get volunteers. He will make some inquiries.

**Clean Communities: 4/23/23** There will be a shred/electronics day on Saturday before Clean-Up. Nicole suggested purchasing a shed with Clean Communities money so we would have a place to store EC items/crates.

**Facebook: Topic for month:** Anthony will post information asking for volunteers for the EC.

## **CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.):**

**Open Space Committee:** Discussed at length with the mayor. He is aware of the need to update Open Space Plan. He will work on it.

**Trail Maintenance:** Nicole will buy trail maintenance tools for EC when EC budget is approved.

**Trex Recycling:** The location of the new EC shed could be the site for the Trex Recycling container.

**MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council: river water testing:**

Nicole reported the last meeting of MWA was cancelled due to inclement weather.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park Plantings:** No movement.

**Furnace Pond Trails and DEP approval:** Discussed at length with the mayor. He was shown the EC's proposed trail plan for Furnace Pond. The EC emphasized the potential of the trail plan as an economic engine for the businesses on Main Street.

**Lutheran Church trail easement:** Discussed at length with the mayor. John emphasized how there is a "non-wet" trail through site that was overlooked by borough engineer.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **BILLS:**

ANJEC 2024 Dues: \$425

Secretarial Services: \$250 (10 meetings for 2023)

A motion to pay all bills was made by Owen Newson and seconded by John Rogalo.  
(UC)

## **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: Rudy reported that the tally of volunteer hours is being readjusted due to accounting changes.

Land Use Board: Kaczynski: Block 11106/Lot 6/Subdivision App. No comment.

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority: Nitrate/fertilizer levels being checked.

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

Friends of Furnace Pond:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM. Motion by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson, Secretary