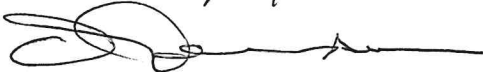


Approved 6/11/26  


**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

May 14, 2026

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Nicole Member, at 7:35pm, 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, 2026 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The April 9, 2026 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Rick Jacob and seconded by Owen Newson (MC)

Abstention: Rudy Shlesinger

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Councilman Tyler Simpson present

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

4/20 Email: Musconetcong Watershed Association: Upcoming Events/Professional Services

**Sent:**

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**ANJEC Grant 2025:** Nicole reported that an extension has been given by ANJEC for completion of the project. Owen, Nicole, Hopatcong Superintendent Jake Hamilton, Canal Society members Laurie Boyle, Joe Micasek met at the project site on Tuesday, May 12 to discuss progress on the project. Examples of signage without text were shown by Canal Society members. Jake Hamilton discussed benches for the site. Each bench would cost \$800. He will provide pictures of standard state park bench. He said it would be okay to pick our own style of bench if so inclined due to remoteness of location from Hopatcong State Park. Work day is scheduled for Sat. 5/15 and Sat. 5/22, 9-12

**MSA Field Trip:** No movement.

**Green Team:** No movement.

**Clean Communities:** Sunday 3/21/27 Rain Date: 4/4/27

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Advertise: ANJEC grant workdays

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement

**Trail Maintenance:** No movement.

**Trex Recycling:** No movement

**Youth EC members:** Nicole contacted LVRHS Go Green Club to recruit Youth Liaison Member for EC.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Lakeside Park plantings:** Some plants need to be replaced with grant money.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rudy will put together shelves at EC shed. Owen will show him where it is.

Owen announced he and Gloria will be moving to Massachusetts to be closer with family. Move will take place upon sale of home probably in late July.

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: *Rudy reported the Lake Board is coming out with a new website.*

Land Use Board: *Discussion was held on A-I warehouse centers. The issue ongoing in Andover Township was given as example. Nicole suggested we discuss an ordinance for Stanhope to prohibit such A-I centers. This topic should be placed on June's agenda.*

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission: *July 11, from 12-4 is Stanhope Family Day. Should EC spend Clean Communities money to hire speaker? Reptile Guy?*

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

Friends of Furnace Pond:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm with a motion by Rudy Shlesinger and a second by Rick Jacob. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary