

STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES Regular Meeting July 9, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Nicole Member, at 7:45pm, 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: Nicole Member, Julieth Lara, Rick Jacob, Anthony Riccardi

Absent: Rudy Shlesinger, John Rogalo, Isabella Pita

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The June 11, 2026 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Rick Jacob and seconded by Nicole Member the motion carried.

Abstention:

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Owen Newson was present to drop off documentation to the commission that he had collected over the course of his tenure. Also, Truecey Mejia was present as she has interest in the student liaison position.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

6/14 Email: Truecy Alonzo Mejia: Letter of Interest/ Youth Liaison

6/23 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's Appt. of Student Liaison: Isabella Pita

6/23 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's Membership Appt.: Julieth Lara

6/23 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's Acceptance of Resignation: Owen Newson

Sent:

6/19 Email: Truecy Alonzo Mejia: EC invitation for interview.

Motion to accept correspondence made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Rick Jacob. (UC)

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

Oath of Allegiance and Office: Julieth Lara

Julieth was sworn in and paperwork was signed and submitted to the borough clerk. **ANJEC**

Grant 2025: Workdays scheduled: Sunday 7/19 (9-12), Sunday 7/26 (9-12), Sunday 8/2 (9-12)

AI Data Centers: Borough Ordinance? Nicole to research and discuss at the next meeting.

MSA Field Trip: No movement.

Green Team: No movement.

Clean Communities: Sunday 3/21/27 Rain Date: 4/4/27 No movement

Facebook: Topic for Month: Advertise: ANJEC grant workdays

Open Space Plan Committee: Nicole to set a date with Tyler Simpson

Trail Maintenance: Tools are ready to be picked up by Nicole.

Trex Recycling: Full bags in the shed need to be delivered for recycling

Youth EC members: Discussed Truecey's letter of interest.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement.

Lakeside Park plantings: EC requests this line item be removed from future agendas. Plantings are doing well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of EC secretary: Rick Jacob nominated Julieth Lara and Nicole Member seconded the motion. The motion carried.

BILLS:

No Bills

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: No report

Mayor and Council: No report

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: No report

Land Use Board: No report

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society: May be removed from reports

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council: HAB monitoring is ongoing

Musconetcong Sewage Authority: No report

Recreation Commission: Family Fun Day discussion.

Shade Tree Commission: No report

Plaster Mill: No report

Water Quality: No report

Friends of Furnace Pond: Will need to get status from Owen if this group is dissolving.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Rick Jacob. (UC)