

STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES Regular Meeting August 13, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Nicole Member, at 7:32pm, 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

Absent: Anthony Riccardi, Rudy Shlesinger, John Rogalo, Isabella Pita

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The July 9, 2026 minutes were approved.

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

Abstention:

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

7/23/26: certified mail from DuBois & Associates for Freshwater Wetlands Application

Called John to confirm. They can proceed as long as they adhere to state regulations.

Nicole will check to see if the wetland and transition area limits are for 200 feet or 300 feet.

7/27/26: email from Kristie Sanders regarding the issue of neighbor's property misuse and runoff

Email will be forwarded to Anthony for his opinion. Possibly contact ANJEC for opinion.

Variance Application for driveway

Respond to application advising in the future to use permeable pavers because her property is close to the lake.

Site Plan application for lot line adjustment from Christine Raymond

No comment

Site Plan Application for Happy Tree Farmacy

No comment
Site Plan Application for New Jersey Leaf, LLC
No comment

Sent:

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

ANJEC Grant 2025: Paperwork for the bench was dropped off and we're getting the bench. The next work party is 8/23/26 (rain date is 8/20/23).

AI Data Centers: Recommendation to pass resolution and send to the mayor and council. Motion made by Nicole Member and seconded by Rick Jacob. The motion carried.

MSA Field Trip: No movement.

Green Team: No movement.

Clean Communities: Sunday 3/21/27 (rain date is 4/4/27). No movement

Facebook: Topic for Month: Advertise ANJEC grant workdays

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement.

Trail Maintenance: Members discussed concerns with DPW handling of fallen trees in the Furnace Pond area as tree stumps were rolled down the hill onto the area we got a grant to fix. Should grant money be used for a wood chipper?

Trex Recycling: Kohls stopped doing recycling. Nicole to contact Trex on how else to handle the recycling.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement.

ANJEC: We are waiting to hear back from the State Park for signage from the Morris Canal that will go around Furnace Pond.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new meeting date should be chosen for EC meetings. All members to discuss and pick a new day.

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: No report

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council: No report

Musconetcong Sewage Authority: No report

Recreation Commission: No report

Shade Tree Commission: No report

Plaster Mill: No report

Water Quality: No report

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm with a motion by Rick Jacob and a second by Julieth Lara.

Respectfully submitted,

Julieth Lara

Secretary