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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting

February 13, 2025

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:40PM by John Rogalo 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 9, 2025 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Present: Nicole Member (7:45PM), Owen Newson, Anthony Riccardi
John Rogalo, Rudy Shlesinger
Absent: Rick Jacob

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The January 9, 2025, minutes were approved.

Motion made by Rudy Shlesinger and seconded by John Rogalo (MC)

Abstention: Anthony Riccardi

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

1/14/25 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's acceptance of Balogh resignation.

1/21/25 Herald/Record: Affidavit of publication of EC meeting dates and times.

Sent:

None

Motion to receive correspondence: Anthony Riccardi Second: Owen Newson(UC)

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

The 2025 EC Annual Report was approved by EC members. Motion: Anthony Riccardi
Second: Rudy Shlesinger (UC)

MSA Field Trip: No movement

Sussex County Grant implementation: No movement

Green Team: No movement

Clean Communities: 4/27/25 Nicole would like to purchase shelving for the new shed.

Facebook: Topic for Month: Cub Scout service project at Lakeside Park. Nicole will place photo on borough's Facebook page.

CURRENT ACTIVITY (cont.)

Open Space Plan Committee: John stated that they are meeting tomorrow night. Discussion was held on implementing an Open Space Tax. Currently, Stanhope does not implement a tax and therefore is not eligible for Open Space grants. This would be a ballot question for citizens to vote for or against.

Trail Maintenance: No movement

Trex Recycling: Collection of plastic wrap will start March 15, 2025. Deposits will be made at EC shed at DPW yard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement

Lakeside Park plantings: No movement

Lutheran Church Trail easement: After discussion, it was agreed by EC to remove this item from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council: *Ryan Homes gave a presentation on potential development near the high school. A portion of development would be affordable housing.*

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: *A backhoe was purchased by Lake Board. Also, security cameras will be installed. \$90,000 is budgeted to run the lake this year.*

Land Use Board: *Tischier/Bl. 10609/Lot 6 Variance App. After discussion, the EC noted that the applicant already is over permissible impervious coverage. Permission of variance would exacerbate the situation. A stormwater management plan needs to be developed. Owen will send memo to Land Use stating such.*

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council: *Nicole stated MWA is testing bor-
ough water wells for salinity.*

Musconetcong Sewage Authority: *Anthony stated MSA is installing new railings after
safety inspection.*

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

Friends of Furnace Pond:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Owen Newson, Secretary