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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

March 12, 2026

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Owen Newson, at 7:37pm, 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, , Anthony Riccardi, John Rogalo

Nicole Member (8:05)

Absent: Rick Jacob, Rudy Shlesinger

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The February 12, 2026 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Owen Newson (MC)

Abstention: John Rogalo

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Councilman Tyler Simpson was present.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

2/24 Email: ANJEC 2026 Environmental Commission grants announcement.

**Sent:**

2/13 Email: Administrator/Brian McNeilly: EC request to raise stipend for nonprofits from \$200 to \$250 for participation on Clean Communities Day.

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**ANJEC Grant 2025:** Work day scheduled for Sunday, 4/19 at 1:00. Also possible workday on Friday 4/10 at 5:00. Owen will order native plants from Pinelands Nursery:

Spicebush (12), Mapleleaf Viburnum (12), Sheep Laurel (12), Low Bush Blueberry (12), Ferns (12). We will spend approx. \$300 for this order.

**MSA Field Trip:** No movement.

**Green Team:** No movement.

**Clean Communities:** 3/29/26 Shelves, Pop-Up tent, and supplies have been received and are at EC shed.

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Clean Communities Day to be advertised.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** Tyler Simpson reported he is scheduling next meeting soon.

**Trail Maintenance:** No movement.

**Trex Recycling:** Nicole will deliver plastic wrap collected in EC shed to Kohl's for recycling.

**CURRENT ACTIVITY: (cont.)**

**Youth EC members:** An ordinance was passed by Mayor and Council to accept a youth member to the EC. The candidate must be 16 years of age or older and a resident of Byram, Stanhope, or Netcong. The youth term is for one year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Lakeside Park plantings:** John will take inventory of bushes planted at Lakeside Park. We will replace what has died.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board: *John reported that Milelli Plumbing has sold their building to a Cannabis shop.*

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

Friends of Furnace Pond: Owen will email members notification of Furnace Pond work day.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary