

Approved 3/10/25


STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting

April 10, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:34PM by Owen Newson 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 (8:10PM), Owen Newson, Anthony Riccardi
John Rogalo, Rudy Shlesinger, Rick Jacob

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 13, 2025, minutes were approved.

Motion made by Rick Jacob and seconded by Anthony Riccardi(UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Present at the meeting were Peter Dlugos, Chairman of the Byram Environmental Commission and Lisa Shimamoto, advisor to the commission. Their concern was for the proposed Stanhope housing development and its location adjacent to the Mansfield Superfund site in Byram. They stated that the aquifer in the area was contaminated and raised concern about water management downstream in Byram. They suggested that Stanhope contact the EPA in reference to this site. Stanhope EC member, Anthony Riccardi, responded that Stanhope has a public water supply and does not rely on wells. Also, the project would need a zoning change and would have to follow all the regulatory procedures including a storm water management plan. Anthony added that the project is still about 2 years out.

Also, at the meeting, was Councilman Tyler Simpson. Councilman Simpson inquired if the EC had any suggestions for Eagle Scout projects that he could forward to the Stanhope Troop. The EC suggested two projects: (1) Building a fence behind the Tannery at Furnace Pond to delineate between borough and Tannery property lines. (2) Developing a new sign or kiosk providing information on the Plaster Mill, Canal Slip, and historic downtown Stanhope.

CORRESPONDENCE:**Received:**

3/14/25 ANJEC: 2025 Environmental Commission Grants notice.

4/3/25 NJ Div. of Travel and Tourism: 2025 NJ Official Travel Guide.

Sent:

None

Motion to accept correspondence by John Rogalo, second by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

ANJEC Grant 2025: The EC decided to re-submit the 2024 grant on native/invasive plant species that was declined last year. Owen will contact the borough's grant writer: Millenium.

MSA Field Trip: No movement

Sussex County Grant implementation: No movement

Green Team: No movement

Clean Communities: 4/27/25 Anthony talked to Jack at Bell's regarding post clean-up buffet for volunteers. He said it was OK and would expect us. Anthony also stated he would bring water to clean-up

Facebook: Topic for Month: Advertise Clean Communities Day and \$200 stipend.

Open Space Plan Committee: Nicole reported that she and Tyler Simpson, members of the committee, worked at Furnace Pond to remove invasive plants.

Trail Maintenance: No movement.

Trex Recycling: No movement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement.

Lakeside Park plantings: John evaluated the health of the plantings. Most seemed in good shape however he noticed a white substance on some of the plantings. He believes this might be insect egg casings.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: *Rudy stated that security cameras have been installed at the harvester and conveyor areas.*

Land Use Board:

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:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Motion by Owen Newson and second by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary