

Approved 5/14/26


STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting
April 9, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Anthony Riccardi, at 7:40pm, 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(7:50) Rick Jacob
Absent: Rudy Shlesinger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 12, 2026 minutes were approved.

Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Laurie Boyle was present representing the Canal Society. She stated the Canal Society will be creating and purchasing four interpretive signs for the Furnace Pond project at the cost of \$6,348. Signs will interpret the Plaster Mill, the scenic overlook (Furnace Pond), the Canal Slip, and the Iron Works. Borough will be responsible for the cost of installation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

3/16/26 Stanhope United Methodist Church: Invitation: "Where History Meets Hope"

4/12/26, 2-3:30PM. Followed by a canal walk through Stanhope.

3/24/26 Borough of Stanhope: Ordinance: Environmental Commission/Student Liaison
Sent:

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

EC Annual Report 2025: A motion to accept the 2025 EC annual report was made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by John Rogalo. (UC)

ANJEC Grant 2025: Work day scheduled for Sunday, 4/19 at 1:00. Also possible workday on Friday 4/10 at 5:00. Nicole 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: Sunday 3/21/27 Rain Date: 4/4/27

Facebook: Topic for Month: Advertise 4/19/26 at 1PM: ANJEC grant workday

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement

CURRENT ACTIVITY: (cont.)

Trail Maintenance: No movement.

Trex Recycling: Collection cycle ends in June.

Youth EC members: No movement

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement.

Lakeside Park plantings: No movement

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

BILLS:

Clean Communities supplies: \$238.39 Motion to pay made by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

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 8:45pm with a motion by John Rogalo and a second by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary