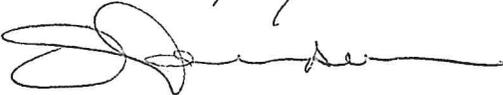


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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting
February 12, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Anthony Riccardi, at 7:42pm, 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, Rudy Shlesinger, Anthony Riccardi,
Rick Jacob, Nicole Member (7:45)
Absent: John Rogalo,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The January 8, 2026 minutes were approved.

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

Abstention: Rudy Shlesinger

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

1/12 Email: Joel Penkala: 2026 Sussex County Trails Grant Announcement

1/23 Email: Matt Trochim: Annual Musconetcong River Cleanup

2/3 Email: Benny Roe: Stanhope Borough MS4 Assistance Program

2/2 PSEG: Notice of vegetative maintenance

Sent:

None

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

MSA Field Trip: No movement.

Green Team: No movement.

Clean Communities: 3/29/26 Nicole requested more supplies. It was agreed by the EC that the stipend for non-profits be increased from \$200 to \$250. Owen will send request to Brian for Council approval.

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

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement.

Trail Maintenance: No movement.

Trex Recycling: Nicole stated that there was lots of plastic wrap in the EC shed that needs to be delivered to Kohls.

CURRENT ACTIVITY: (cont.)

Youth EC members: Mayor and Council agreed to allow a student liaison volunteer to become a part of borough EC. This would be for a 1 year term. Borough lawyer will revise EC bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement.

Lakeside Park plantings: No movement.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

BILLS:

EC Public Notice: \$40.89 Motion to pay made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Rick Jacob (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: *Owen will forward to Nicole the email regarding the annual Musconetcong River Clean-up from MWA*

Musconetcong Sewage Authority: *Anthony reported that Roxbury has proposed to build a PFAS cleaning station.*

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

Friends of Furnace Pond:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Rudy Shlesinger. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary