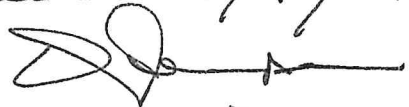


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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

February 8, 2024

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:35 PM 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 11, 2024 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Owen Newson, Anthony Riccardi, Rudy Shlesinger,  
John Rogalo  
Absent: Michael Balogh, Nicole Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The January 11, 2024 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Rudy Shlesinger (UC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Prospective EC member, Rick Jacob, was present for the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

1/12/24 *Daily Record*: Public Meeting Notice/Proof of Publication

1/18/24 *New Jersey Herald*: Public Meeting Notice/Proof of Publication

2/5/24 Email: ANJEC: Annual Checklist for ECs

2/8/24 Email: ANJEC: 2024 Environmental Commission Grants notice

**Sent:**

None

Correspondence received: motion by Anthony Riccardi and second by John Rogalo (UC)

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

EC 2023 Annual Report was approved by the EC. Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

**ANJEC Grant:** The EC would like to apply for a grant this year. The grant will be for the removal of invasives and replacement with native plants. Areas suggested for implementation include Lakeside Park, Continental Drive, Musconetcong Park. Owen will contact Millenium to start process.

**ANJEC Checklist:** A sample list of EC tasks for the year was provided by ANJEC. The EC reviewed and discussed. It was agreed our EC covers those sample tasks.

**MSA Field Trip:** No movement

## **CURRENT ACTIVITY (cont.):**

**Sussex County Grant implementation:** No movement

**Green Team:** Anthony reported that Mayor Wronko has recruited four volunteers.

**Clean Communities:** Sunday, April 21, 2024 The EC agreed with Nicole's suggestion to have another poster contest at Valley Road School. The winner's poster could be mounted on the new Clean Communities Shed we hope to purchase. Anthony will contact superintendent to see which teachers should be contacted.

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Will remain the same as last month.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement.

**Trail Maintenance:** The EC agreed with proposed tool purchase using Clean Communities funding. Tools will be stored in shed.

**Trex Recycling:** No movement.

**MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:** Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024, 6:30-8:00 at Lake Hopatcong Foundation, 125 Landing Road.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Furnace Pond Park/Permitting:** Anthony reported that property infringement violations by the Tannery on borough property were investigated. Code enforcement office found no violations with regard to property lines. John said he would check himself because he feels "the marking irons" can be found and would prove otherwise.

**Lakeside Park plantings:** No movement.

**Lutheran Church Trail easement:** No movement.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **BILLS:**

*New Jersey Herald:* Legal notice/\$14.63

*Daily Record:* Legal notice/\$47.48

Motion to pay by John Rogalo and seconded by Owen Newson (UC)

## **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

**Water Quality:** Anthony reported that the borough will join other municipalities in filing class action suits against companies that caused proliferation of PFA's in borough water.

**Friends of Furnace Pond:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM with a motion by Owen Newson and a second by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary