

Approved 2/12/26


STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Reorganizational and Regular Meeting

January 8, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:40PM by Anthony Riccardi 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 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Owen Newson, John Rogalo, Rick Jacob, Anthony Riccardi
ABSENT: Rudy Shlesinger, Nicole Member

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Appointment of chairperson:

Nicole Member appointed by mayor as chairperson to a one year term to expire 12-31-26

Designation of official newspapers: *New Jersey Herald* and *Daily Record* by council resolution.

Approval of meeting dates/time/place: Proposed: 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14/27 (2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall.)

Member Re-appointments:

Anthony Riccardi/3 year term to expire 12/31/28
(Oath of Allegiance and Office)

Appointment of Board Liaisons for 2026:

Board of Health: Rudy Shlesinger

Mayor and Council: Anthony Riccardi

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: Rudy Shlesinger

Land Use Board: John Rogalo

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society: Owen Newson

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council: Nicole Member

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority: Anthony Riccardi

Recreation Commission: Rick Jacob

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (Cont.)

Shade Tree Commission: Nicole Member
Plaster Mill: John Rogalo and Owen Newson
Water Quality: Rick Jacob
Friends of Furnace Pond: Owen Newson

Motion by John Rogalo and second by Rick Jacob to approve the actions of the re-organizational meeting. (UC)

REGULAR MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 11, 2025 minutes were approved.
Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi (MC)
Abstention: Anthony Riccardi

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

1/6 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's appointments to EC

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

Owen passed out a revised 2026 EC Membership Directory.
ANJEC Grant 2025: No movement
MSA field trip: No movement
Green Team: No movement
Clean Communities: 3/29/26 No movement
Facebook: Topic for month: No movement
Open Space Committee: No movement
Trail Maintenance: No movement
Trex Recycling: No movement
Youth EC member: Anthony stated that Council thought it was a good idea, but by-laws must be changed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/permitting: No movement
Lakeside Park Plantings: No movement

NEW BUSINESS: None

BILLS:

ANJEC 2026 Dues: \$475

Secretarial Services: \$250 (10 meetings for 2025)

A motion to pay all bills was 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: *Owen stated that the Sussex County Library webpage has a link to old Sussex County newspapers dating back to 1814. The database can be searched by key word.*

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:

Musconetcong Sewerage 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 8:04PM. Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson, Secretary