

Approved 12/14/23  


**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

November 9, 2023

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:34 PM by Nicole Member 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, 2023 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The October 12, 2023 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Owen Newson.

Abstention: Nicole Member(UC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

10/24/23 Email: Scott Percarpio: Boy Scout merit badge inquiry.

10/24/23 Email: ANJEC: EC/Borough resolutions of support needed.

10/24/23 E. Horak, clerk: Annual Attendance Report.

**Sent:**

None

Correspondence received: motion by Anthony Riccardi and second by Nicole Member (UC)

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

Discussed correspondence. Boy Scout, Scott Percarpio is interested in establishing a butterfly garden. He wants to help EC in its activities. Nicole communicated through email that he could help out Friends of Furnace Pond in their coming activity pulling invasives. ANJEC resolutions were discussed. The EC would like Mayor and Council to act on them. Owen will forward resolutions to Brian, Ellen, and Mayor and Council. Resolutions deal with support of Open Space/Hazardous Site clean-up budget funding and rejection of planned expansion of NJ Turnpike. Yes to more public transportation.

**Sussex County Grant implementation:** No movement

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

**Green Team:** EC discussed “what to pitch” to Mayor and Council for establishment of Green Team

**Clean Communities:** Sunday, April 21, 2024 No movement

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Volunteers needed for EC. Anthony will submit.

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

**Trail Maintenance:** Nicole will purchase tools for trail maintenance with EC money/Outdoor supplies budget line. (\$215) Motion by Owen Newson, second by Anthony Riccardi (UC)

**Trex Recycling:** No movement.

**MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:** Nicole attended the latest meeting in Byram (10/24/23). Topics discussed were watershed protection, protecting wetlands, and construction and development.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Furnace Pond Park/Permitting:** No movement.

**Lakeside Park plantings:** No movement.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Owen was asked to extend invitation to new mayor Wronko to attend our January EC meeting so we might discuss our ongoing activities and plans.

A possible field trip for LVRHS students to MSA was discussed. EC could sponsor the trip with Clean Communities funding. This could be an activity for Go Green Club. Anthony will speak with MSA to see if a tour is possible. Nicole will contact Go Green Club.

## **BILLS:**

None

## **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health: 9/13, 10/11 minutes reviewed. Nothing to report.

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:

Friends of Furnace Pond: Owen stated that the group participated in an invasive pull at Furnace Pond overlook on Saturday, November 4.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Nicole Member. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary