

approved 11/14/24  


**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

October 10, 2024

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:40PM by John Rogalo 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, Rick Jacob  
Anthony Riccardi, John Rogalo  
Absent: Michael Balogh, Rudy Shlesinger, Nicole Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The September 12, 2024, minutes were approved.

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

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

9/9/24 PSEG: Notice of vegetation maintenance

9/18/24 Ellen Horak, clerk: 2025 Municipal calendar

9/19/24 NJ Clean Communities: Annual Video PSA contest

**Sent:**

None

Motion to receive correspondence: Anthony Riccardi Second: John Rogalo (UC)

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Municipal Calendar dates:** The EC agreed that meeting times for the commission should remain the same for 2025. Also, Clean Communities Day is scheduled for 4/27/25.

**MSA Field Trip:** No movement

**Sussex County Grant implementation:** No movement

**Green Team:** No movement

**Clean Communities:** Owen will present shed purchase proposal to Council at next meeting which is Tuesday, 10/22 at 7pm. He will call Ellen Horak to be placed on agenda.

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Anthony will post pictures of Scott Percarpio's pollinator garden Eagle Scout project completed at Valley Road School.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** John stated that their first meeting has taken place.

**Trail Maintenance:** No movement

**CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.):**

**Trex Recycling:** No movement.

**MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:** The EC agreed to move this agenda heading to Liaison Reports.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Lakeside Park plantings:** Owen will call Scout leader, David Angel, to see if we can set a date for their service project at Lakeside Park. They will create stone border beds and mulch the native plantings that the EC planted.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BILLS:**

None

**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:

Friends of Furnace Pond: *Owen walked the overlook site next to the canal slip with Lake Hopatcong superintendent, Jake Hamilton. Future plans were discussed including continued removal of invasives, trail creation, and installing a bench.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary