

Approved 10/9/26


STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting
September 11, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:30PM 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 was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Present: Nicole Member (8:20), Anthony Riccardi, Owen Newson
Rudy Shlesinger, Rick Jacob, John Rogalo
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The August 14, 2025 minutes were approved.

Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Rick Jacob (MC)

Abstention: Rudy Shlesinger, Owen Newson

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

9/1/25 Angelica Sabatini CFO: 2026 Budget request form

Sent:

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

2026 Budget Request: After discussion, it was decided to keep the budget unchanged. The 2026 EC budget will be the same as 2025.

ANJEC Grant 2025: Discussion regarding implementing the \$3000 grant was held. Implementation will take place this Fall, on the last Sunday of October. (10/26/25) Rain-date will be the following Sunday. Owen has been assigned working with the Canal Society on signage. John will place order and pickup native plants/perennials from Pineland Nursery. Anthony will be in charge of communications with the public. Nicole will work with Hopatcong superintendent with regard to tree trimming and installing bench. **Sussex County Grant implementation:** Discussion was held. Grant monies include signage.

MSA Field Trip: No movement

Green Team: No movement

Clean Communities: 3/29/26 More supplies need to be ordered for next year's clean-up. Nicole will email Angelica to order more gloves/supplies and shelving for EC shed.

Facebook: Topic for Month: No movement.

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement

CURRENT ACTIVITY (cont.)

Trail Maintenance: No movement.

Trex Recycling: No movement

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement.

Lakeside Park plantings: No movement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on whether or not to include LVRHS students as EC members or interns. Bylaws would have to be amended to make students voting members.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council: *Brush pick-up is ongoing.*

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: *Boyscouts have the shed looking good. Harvester has seen limited use.*

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission: *Milkweed seed packets to attract butterflies will be purchased and distributed at Halloween parade.*

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

Friends of Furnace Pond:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM with a motion from Owen Newson and a second by Rudy Shlesinger. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary