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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

November 11, 2021

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:31PM 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 14, 2021 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Rudy Shlesinger, Owen Newson, Anthony Riccardi  
Nicole Member

Absent: John Rogalo, Michael Balogh

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 9, 2021 minutes were approved. (No meeting in Oct.) Motion made by Nicole Member and seconded by Owen Newson. Abstain: Anthony Riccardi (MC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

9/16/21 Email: Michael Neary/Millennium Strategies: Grant opportunities

9/17/21 Ellen Horak, Clerk: 2022 Municipal Calendar

9/23/21 Email: Gary Curnow/25 Lloyd Ave.: Lowering Lake Musconetcong

10/29/21 Ellen Horak: Annual Attendance Report

**Sent:**

9/15/21 Email: Jen Gallagher/Millennium Strategies: Grant opportunities

10/20/21 Email: Brian McNeilly: Trail Maintenance Day

10/20/21 Email: Ellen Horak: EC dates for 2022 Municipal Calendar

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Expiration of Term:** Nicole Member, John Rogalo

Nicole agreed to serve another term. John, being absent, will be contacted by Owen.

**Sussex County Trails Grant:** Owen summarized the grant proposal being worked on by Millenium for the EC. The grant application is for the restoration of the trail head for the Tri-Community Trail at Valley Road School. It is a \$3000 grant. Owen is working with Mike Neary of Millenium on details.

**Green Team:** No movement

**Clean Communities:** April 24, 2022. No movement

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** The benefits of composting leaves.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement

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

**Trail Maintenance:** Nov. 7, 2021. Anthony reported he worked on the trail leading from the basketball courts to the river. He removed debris and flagged fallen trees needing removal by DPW.

**Trex Recycling:** Nicole reported that the Go Green Club of LVRHS is participating in the Trex Recycling program collecting plastic bags.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park plantings:** This month, the EC will meet at Lakeside Park on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1:00PM to dig out the grass from another planting bed so it may be mulched.

### **Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:**

No movement

### **Invasive Plant Species workshop:**

Nicole would like to plan a winter workshop.

### **Lutheran Church easement:**

No movement.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nicole reported that MWA (Musconetcong Watershed Association) is seeking monitors to periodically test the health of the river water and receive a Resolution of Support from borough council. With a resolution, council would be permitted to have voting members on the MRMC (Musconetcong River Management Council.) Water testing is important, especially in the winter, to test for salt run-off. The EC is interested in participating. Nicole will order six testing kits. Sites suggested for monitoring include behind the Lutheran Church, the Waterloo Road bridge by John Rogalo, Dollar General parking lot, and the basketball courts at Salmon Park. Nicole also suggested the EC team up with Byram EC on riparian buffers and invasive plant species. The EC would like the testing program to be placed on future agendas.

## **BILLS:**

None

## **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health: Minutes: 9/8/21, 10/13/21 Anthony explained the distinction between a Board and Commission.

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: Rudy reported that the Board has sold its dredging machine for \$215,000. Also, that the herbicide treatment plan went well this year. He suggested that the EC work with the Board or Lake Assoc. on potential cooperative grants.

**LIAISON REPORTS (cont.)**

Land Use Board: Bajwa/Blk 11702/Lot 5 Site Plan App.  
No comment

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary

