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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting

July 13, 2023

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:30 PM by Owen Newson 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: Rudy Shlesinger, Owen Newson, Anthony Riccardi,
John Rogalo (7:45)
Absent: Michael Balogh, Nicole Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The June 8, 2023 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Rudy Shlesinger and seconded by Owen Newson. (MC)

Abstention: Anthony Riccardi

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

7/12/23 Email/Jim Klinder: PFAS in Stanhope water? (article attached)

Sent:

None

Correspondence received: motion by Anthony Riccardi, second by Rudy Shlesinger (UC)

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

The email from Jim Klinder was discussed. Anthony accessed the most current water report issued from the borough. The report does test for PFOS and PFOA. PFOS was listed at 10ppt. PFOA was listed at 11ppt. However, as far as the EC knows, there are no regulatory limits/standards at this time.

Sussex County Grant update: John will talk with Brian McNeilly. He (and Kubota) hope to begin work before the summer is over on the Tri-Community trail head.

Green Team: No movement.

Clean Communities: The EC agreed to schedule the next Clean Communities Day for Sunday, April 21, 2024

Facebook: Topic for Month: Firefly Watch program. Anthony will contact Brian.

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement.

Trail Maintenance: No movement

CURRENT ACTIVITY (cont.)

Trex Recycling: No movement

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council: John reported that the release of water from the dam at Lake Hopatcong when water levels are high causes scouring of the base of the Musconetcong River in nearby areas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: John reported that the borough could petition the county judge to decommission the Plaster Mill from the National Register. Also, the EC would like to invite the new mayor to a meeting in February to discuss current projects.

Lakeside Park plantings: John will call EC members when he is ready to transport border stones from his house to Lakeside Park.

Lutheran Church Trail easement: No movement

NEW BUSINESS:

John will ask landscape contractors that he knows, if they would be interested in sponsoring/planting/maintaining borough sign beds at Main St. and Rt. 183 and Lakeside Park.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: Minutes: 5/10/23 No comment.
Anthony reported that his wife, Laura, is now on Board.

Mayor and Council: Anthony reported that an assessment of the Stanhope House is being done by the borough.

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board: P. Lynch Block 11103/Lot 24.05
Subdivision application
No comment

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage 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 8:55pm with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Rudy Shlesinger. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary