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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Minutes: Regular Meeting
February 13, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:37PM 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, 2020 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Present: Owen Newson, Anthony Riccardi, John Rogalo
Absent: Mike Balogh, Nicole Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 9, 2020 minutes were approved. Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

1/8/20 Brian McNeilly, Administrator: Response to JCP&L veg. maintenance letter.

1/15/20 Daily Record: Affidavit of Publication

1/15/20 New Jersey Herald: Affidavit of Publication

1/15/20 Brian McNeilly, Administrator: Copy of DEP letter sent re: vegetative maintenance

1/24/20 ANJEC: Plastic ordinance

Sent:

1/15/20 Email: Mike Balogh to Brian McNeilly: JCP&L letter.

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

2019 EC Annual Report: It was decided to wait until the March meeting before approving the 2019 Annual Report so Mike and Nicole, who were absent, could have input.

Musconetcong Watershed Association: Stormwater Presentation: For the presentation at the EC's March meeting: Owen will bring water, John will bring refreshments, Anthony will inform Brian to advertise presentation on Nixle. We will have our regular meeting after the storm water presentation.

CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.):

Clean Communities: No movement

Facebook: Topic for the Month: Anthony will advertise the March storm water presentation.

Open Space Plan Committee: Anthony stated that Administrator Brian McNeilly will be sending us an invitation to initiate the development of an Open Space Plan Committee for the borough. We should wait for this invitation before proceeding. The tire dump property was discussed and the problems involved with possible borough acquisition.

Trail Maintenance: Owen was asked to email Brian regarding the EC's intention to apply for an ANJEC Trails grant to remediate a portion of the Tri-Community trail near Valley Road School. In the email, Owen should include a request to have *Millennium*, borough grant writer, assist us in the application.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: Mike and Brian are working on it.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: Owen reported that the EC has not yet received a memo from Brian summarizing the outcome of the meeting with DEP, Stanhope Borough, and the Lake Hopatcong superintendent with regard to the Furnace Pond Park initiative. Anthony said he will follow up with Brian. John gave Anthony a source that might help Eric Keller, borough engineer, in the Furnace Pond trail application. His name is Brett Callanan of DEP (908) 879-4898. He consults on trail applications in environmentally sensitive areas. Anthony will pass his name on to Eric.

Invasive Plant Species workshop: No movement.

Lutheran Church easement: No movement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the letter sent from ANJEC on community plastic ordinances. Owen will follow up with ANJEC to get more information.

BILLS:

\$47.04 *Daily Record* Public Meeting Announcement. Motion to pay was made by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. Mike will sign at next meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: Minutes: 12/11/19, 1/8/20 No comment

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board: Goduto: Block 11104/Lot 1 Variance application was reviewed. No Comment.

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill: John reported that a family of beavers have established residence in Furnace Pond. They have built a lodge and have removed much of the native vegetation along the riparian buffer zone including such native species as Atlantic White Cedar, Silky Dogwood, Aspens, Speckled Alder, and Willows. The EC asked Owen to alert Brian with an email.

Water Quality:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM with a motion by John Rogalo and a second by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

