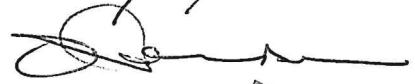


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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting

December 9, 2021

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:35PM 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 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  
Absent: John Rogalo, Michael Balogh, Nicole Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 11, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Owen Newson. (UC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

11/30/21 Michael Neary/Millennium Strategies: Sussex County Trail Grant submission

**Sent:**

None

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Annual Attendance Report:** Owen reported he submitted the EC attendance report to the clerk. He also circulated copies to EC members.

**Sussex County Trails Grant:** Owen reported that the Sussex County Trails Grant application for the rehabilitation of the Tri-Community Trail head at Valley Road School was submitted on 11/30/21.

**Green Team:** No movement

**Clean Communities:** April 24, 2022. Clean Communities certification classes are available: Zoom 1/27 and 2/10 and in person 3/3 or 3/10. Anthony stated that he is interested and will check his schedule.

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Recycle your Christmas Tree. Anthony will implement.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement.

**Trail Maintenance:** 11/6/22 No movement.

**Trex Recycling:** No movement.

**MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:** River water testing kits are being obtained by Nicole for distribution to EC. It was noted that if the Borough Council were to give a Resolution of Support, we would need a volunteer to attend meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park plantings:** We have one more bed to dig out. This will take place in the Spring. We also have John's stone to place as borders.

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:**

No movement

**Invasive Plant Species workshop:**

No movement

**Lutheran Church easement:**

No movement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Owen will respond to the offer for free tree seedlings from the NJ Forest Nursery. This will be for the Third Grade at Valley Road School. Owen will order 1 packet which contains 50 seedlings.

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health: Minutes: 11/11/21 No comment

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: Rudy reported that the Lake Board would like to publicize the lake to bring greater attention to the recreational opportunities available. He also reported that there was concern regarding the truck repair facility at 128 Allen Street. There are too many trucks and this might infringe on lake quality.

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission: Anthony reported a change in Shade Tree ordinance. Residents are allowed to take down only 1 tree per year of a certain circumference.

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Rudy Shlesinger. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary