

STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
November 8, 2018**

*Approved* 12/13/18

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:35PM by Chairman John Rogalo 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 11, 2018 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same day.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Nicole Member, Owen Newson, Michael Balogh  
John Rogalo, Anthony Riccardi

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**October 11, 2018** minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Mike Balogh (UC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

10/23 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Annual Attendance Report  
10/31 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Expiration of Term: Nicole Member  
10/31 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Expiration of Term: John Rogalo  
11/3 SCMUA: Household Hazardous Waste notification

**Sent:**

None

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

Owen will complete and submit the attendance report for Clerk Ellen Horak.  
Both Nicole and John accepted term renewals for seats on the Environmental Commission.

**Clean Communities:** Nicole is reviewing potential clean community school programs for 2019.

**Lutheran Church easement:** Movement on this has been put on hold for now and the EC will revisit this topic in the Spring.

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

**Facebook: Topic for the Month:** The invasive Spotted Lantern Fly and the potential for transport on Christmas trees. Nicole will contact Brian.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** John spoke with the mayor about using a possible ANJEC grant for the Open Space plan update. The mayor said she will get back to him on this.

**Trail Maintenance Day:** The EC agreed that a letter be sent to Mayor and Council regarding drainage issues on the Tri-Town trail by Valley Road School. The letter should include the following: engineering is required to prevent soil erosion; An ANJEC grant application this April could pay for engineering costs; The EC is willing to come before Mayor and Council in January to discuss the trail issues in detail.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park plantings:** No movement

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:** No movement

**Invasive Plant Species workshop:** The EC agreed to send an email to Brian McNeilly to inform him of our plans for a workshop and to see if the way be clear for the event. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for a Sunday in the late Spring at Waterloo Village. We are thinking of inviting Byram and Hopatcong EC's to the workshop. A professional organization (yet to be named) will give the workshop. Costs could be divided among the three towns participating.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **BILLS:**

None

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:** Minutes: Sept. 12, 2018 No comment

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** John reported on the brown plume that ran through Lake Musconetcong last month. Apparently, wave action from a major storm that month destroyed the silted delta at the entrance to the lake causing the discoloration.

**Land Use Board:** Juntas Holdings/Blk 11205/Lot 4 No comment

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:** Borough Forester, Ron Farr, will be holding a tree inventory workshop on Nov. 20, 7PM, at Borough Hall.

**Plaster Mill:**

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Motion by Owen Newson and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary