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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2019**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:32PM by 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 10, 2019 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Owen Newson, Nicole Member, Michael Balogh,  
Anthony Riccardi, John Rogalo  
Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 10, 2019 minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Mike Balogh. John Rogalo abstained. (MC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

Land Use Board: Lusardi: Block 11007/Lot 9.05, Variance application.

Land Use Board: Juntas Holdings: Block 11205/Lot 1 and 4.01, Site Plan application.

10/22/19 SCMUA: Household Hazardous Waste, 11/2/19

10/28/19 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Annual Attendance Report

**Sent:**

None

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Annual Attendance Report:** Owen distributed copies of the completed report to EC members for their review. He will submit the report to borough clerk, Ellen Horak.

**Regional Trail Meeting (11/5/19):** Nicole and Owen, who both attended the meeting, reported to the EC what was discussed. In addition to Nicole and Owen, in attendance were Leigh Ann Von Hagen, senior research specialist at the Rutgers School of Planning and Public Policy; Robert Hathaway, Councilman for the Borough of Netcong; Scott Olson, Councilman for Byram Township; and Tom Furey, Engineer for the Entech Group Inc. The meeting discussed a proposed regional trail from Lake Hopatcong to Waterloo Village via Netcong and Stanhope using possibly NJTPA funding. Progress from Lake

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

Hopatcong through Netcong was discussed as well as the advantage of cooperative planning between municipalities for grant funding.

**Clean Communities:** Next clean-up is scheduled for the Spring.

**Facebook: Topic for the Month:** Discussion was held on eco-friendly ice melt and its advantages. Anthony will research and see if he can post an article on borough Facebook page.

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

**Trail Maintenance:** The EC is waiting for the new round of ANJEC grants in January to make an application.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park plantings:** On hold until Spring. John will speak with Brian to satisfy borough concerns on selected plant species and planting pattern.

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:** Anthony reported that as a result of the meeting between Mayor Maio, Lake Hopatcong superintendent Melissa Castleton, two members of the DEP and borough administrator Brian McNeilly, it was decided that the borough would submit its trail application first and not wait for Lake Hopatcong's trail application. Anthony stated that Brian would send the EC an email giving bullet points of the meeting.

**Invasive Plant Species workshop:** Nicole will contact Waterloo Village superintendent, Andrea Proctor, to schedule the workshop for sometime in May at Waterloo.

**Lutheran Church easement:** No movement.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Anthony reported that Kyle Richter of The Musconetcong Watershed Association gave a stormwater education presentation to the Council. Kyle would like to give the presentation to the EC as well when convenient. Owen will contact him and see if he can come to our January meeting and give the presentation.

### **BILLS:**

Nicole Member: \$16.69 (Children's work gloves) Motion for payment made by Mike Balogh and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:** Minutes 9/11/19, 10/9/19. Reviewed with no comment.

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:**

**Land Use Board:** Lusardi: Block 11007/Lot 9.05. Discussion was held on the variance application regarding slope disturbance. The EC determined that run-off would be contained and the environmental impact would not be significant. Owen will send a letter to the Land Use Board stating our conclusion.

**LIAISON REPORTS (Cont.):**

**Land Use Board (cont.):** Juntas Holdings: Block 11205/Lot 1 and 4.01. Discussion was held on the site plan application. The EC concluded that the resulting impervious coverage of 78% was unreasonable and not environmentally sound. Owen will send a letter to the Land Use Board stating our conclusion.

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:**

**Plaster Mill:** Borough engineer, Eric Keller, is looking into hiring a special historical architect for assistance in the Plaster Mill de-listing application.

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM with a motion by Nicole Member and a second by John Rogalo (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary

