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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Reorganizational and Regular Meeting
January 14, 2021

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:38PM by Chairman Mike Balogh 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 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Owen Newson, John Rogalo, Mike Balogh,
Anthony Riccardi, Rudy Shlesinger
ABSENT: Nicole Member

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Appointment of chairperson:

Mike Balogh appointed by mayor as chairman to a one year term to expire 12-31-21

Designation of official newspapers: *New Jersey Herald* and *Daily Record* by council resolution.

Approval of meeting dates/time/place: Proposed: 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13/22 (2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall.) (UC)

Oath of Allegiance and Office:

Owen Newson took the Oath of Allegiance and Office / 3 year term to expire 12/31/23.
Rudolph Shlesinger took the Oath of Allegiance and Office / 3 year term to expire 12/31/23.

Appointment of Board Liaisons for 2021:

Below are the Board Liaisons as agreed to for 2020:

Board of Health: Mike Balogh

Mayor and Council: Anthony Riccardi

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: John Rogalo

Land Use Board: John Rogalo

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society: Owen Newson

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority: Owen Newson

Recreation Commission: Mike Balogh

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (Cont.)

Shade Tree Commission: Nicole Member
Plaster Mill: John Rogalo and Owen Newson
Water Quality: Mike Balogh

For 2021, Rudy Shlesinger was named as Board Liaison for the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board replacing John Rogalo. No other changes were made. (UC)

REGULAR MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 10, 2020 minutes were approved.
Motion by Mike Balogh and seconded by Anthony Riccardi (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

1/12/21 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's appointments to Env. Comm.
1/12/21 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Resolution designating official newspapers for 2021
1/12/21 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Council's reorganization meeting actions
Land Use Board: Choquette/Block 11403/Lot 3 Variance Application

Sent:

12/29/20 Email to Eric Keller, Borough Engineer: re: Furnace Pond Park Trails.

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

Owen passed out a revised 2021 EC Membership Directory.
Owen will submit 2021 ANJEC membership dues for payment.

Plaque: Bell's Mansion:

Owen showed the EC the finished plaque. Mike Balogh will call Jack and set a date to award the plaque at a Council meeting. We are proposing February 23rd as a target date.

Clean Communities: 4/25/21

In Nicole's absence, Owen stated that she would like the EC to proofread and approve the documents she emailed us for Clean Communities Day. They include letter to non-profits and registration forms. Using Google Docs, Nicole hopes to expedite registration this year online.

Facebook: Topic for month: Anthony will post an article on the use of salt as a de-icer during the winter and how its runoff harms our lakes, rivers and streams.

Open Space Committee: No movement.

CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.)

Trial Maintenance: 11/7/21

Mike will check with Stanhope BOE on the memo we sent them regarding the fallen tree blocking a trail on BOE property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park Plantings: Mike and Owen debriefed the EC on our 12/15 Council meeting. Council will review the proposed list of plantings and get back to us by their February meeting. Mike will remind the mayor and Brian. We stated our intention to conduct the planting on Saturday 4/24, the day before Clean Communities Day.

Furnace Pond Trails and DEP approval: Mike and Owen debriefed the EC on our 12/15 Council meeting. The Council approved \$600 for preliminary engineering of which \$400 will come from the EC budget. Mike will double check with Eric, borough engineer, to make sure he received our email of 12/29.

Invasive Plant Species Workshop: No movement.

Lutheran Church easement: Mike and Owen debriefed the EC on our 12/15 Council meeting. Borough engineer Eric Keller agreed to walk the site again to review his prior finding that the area was too wet for a trail. Mike will follow up with Eric to arrange a meet and walk sometime in March.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

ANJEC Dues: \$375

Secretarial Services: \$200 (8 meetings for 2020)

A motion to pay all bills was made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by John Rogalo.
(UC)

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

John explained that the time extended lake lowering was fueled by the concern for the re-appearance of HABs. This was communicated to him through Lisa Barno, Assistant Director of Fish and Wildlife.

Land Use Board:

The EC reviewed the variance application: Choquette/Block 11403/Lot 3. No comment.

LIAISON REPORTS (Cont.)

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Owen stated that the reconstruction of the Waterloo Road Bridge was complete and that he was pleased with the outcome. He stated that a sincere and sensitive effort was made to acknowledge the historical importance of the bridge including new signage.

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson
Secretary