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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
December 12, 2019**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:35PM 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, Anthony Riccardi,  
John Rogalo  
Absent: Mike Balogh

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 14, 2019 minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Owen Newson. (UC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Former Councilwoman, now Mayor, Pat Zdichocki was present at the meeting. She stated that she wanted to thank us for our service and looked forward to working with us in her coming term as Mayor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

12/12/19 JCP&L Multi-Permit Application: vegetative maintenance

**Sent:**

11/16/19 Land Use Board: Lusardi, Block 11007, Lot 9.05

11/16/19 Land Use Board: Juntos Holdings, Block 11205, Lot 1 and 4.01

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

JCP&L Multi-Permit Application to the DEP for vegetative maintenance was discussed. John stated that he has noticed in the past that JCP&L has not respected the riparian buffer for the C1 Musconetcong River in Stanhope. JCP&L has clear-cut the riparian buffer and/or used herbicide to control the vegetation. The EC directed Owen to write a letter stating such to the DEP and copy the letter to JCP&L's lawyer.

**Musconetcong Watershed Association:** Owen will check again with Kyle Richter to see if he can give his Stormwater presentation at our February meeting. Kyle was not available to present at the January meeting as hoped.

**CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.):**

**Clean Communities:** Dave Street's proposed Clean Communities presentation at the Valley Road School was discussed. Nicole stated that Dave would like to do two presentations but the school only wants one. Nicole stated that maybe a second presentation could be given to the Seniors Club or at the high school. She will follow up.

**Facebook: Topic for the Month:** The EC will continue the same topic for this month: Eco-friendly ice melt.

**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:** No movement.

**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 will follow up with Brian.

**Invasive Plant Species workshop:** No movement.

**Lutheran Church easement:** No movement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nicole stated that the Sussex County Trail Partnership has scheduled a meeting for Dec. 13th at 9:30 AM at the Chase Bank in Newton. Topics will include how towns can connect and cooperate with their trail plans.

**BILLS:**

None.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:**

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** John reported that budget negotiations are going on with the State. A discussion on how to combat HABS (Harmful Algae Bacteria) in our lakes was held.

**Land Use Board:**

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:**

**Plaster Mill:**

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM with a motion by Owen Newson and a second by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary

