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**Minutes: Regular Meeting
April 14, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:56PM by Chairperson 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 19, 2016 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Present: Owen Newson, John Rogalo, Nicole Member, Michael Balogh
Absent: Jason Heymer, Lorraine Bender

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 10, 2016 minutes were approved. Motion made by Owen Newson and seconded by Nicole Member (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

Skylands Visitor magazine/Spring 2016

3/11/16 B. McNeilly: Passing of Monique McNeilly's brother Douglas Cunningham

3/11/16 Civil Dynamics: Division of Parks and Forestry permit application

3/15/16 Land Conservancy of NJ: Offering grant application assistance

4/1/16 B. McNeilly: Letter of Support for ANJEC grant

4/4/16 D. Mooney: Clean Communities Cleanup Weekend

4/11/16 B. McNeilly: Letter to M. Castellon, Superintendent/Hopatcong State Park

4/11/16 Land Use Board: Use variance application: Block 11102, Lot 8/Pote

4/12/16 ANJEC: Membership benefits letter

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

John and Mike submitted 2016 ANJEC grant application. Application was made for a grant of \$500 to provide native plantings for Memorial Park.

Final plans were made for Clean Communities Day, April 24, 2016. Mike will bring his tent for set up at Memorial Park. Nicole will send out publicity flyers offering \$200 of Clean Communities funds for any Stanhope non-profit participating in Clean-Up Day

with six or more volunteers. Bell's Mansion will offer refreshment for volunteers at 4PM. It was suggested that EC take a publicity photo with Jack of Bell's to place in paper as a thank you. John will e-mail Brian McNeilly to alert him regarding EC safety concerns for volunteers crossing Route 183 at crosswalk during clean-up.

On April 21st, John will pick up tree seedlings from the State Tree Nursery for distribution to 3rd graders at Valley Road School.

John will call County Watershed Ambassador to see if he/she can attend Stanhope Day on June 12 and give demonstrations for public at EC table.

Mike reported that creation of EC Facebook page is on hold.

Nicole is currently researching EC tent purchase to be paid for with Clean Communities monies.

Nicole reported that the Valley Road School will hold a poster contest in conjunction with Clean Communities presentation on May 31st. Topic for poster contest is recycling.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Trails: A follow-up letter was sent by Administrator Brian McNeilly to Hopatcong Superintendent Melissa Castellon regarding her visit and tour of the Furnace Pond trails last month. The Borough is seeking a Memo of Understanding from the Division of Parks and Forestry approving proposed trail enhancements as well as required permits and approvals.

Mount Olive/Stanhope trail grant: Inquiries of grant money allocation by Mt. Olive are still being made by Brian McNeilly. No answer at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nicole reported that on April 29th at 1:15PM at Valley Road School, there will be an Arbor Day celebration. A tree will be planted in honor of Mayor Maio and Council. The public is invited.

Nicole suggested that it might be possible to use Clean Communities funds to hold a tire clean up. Clean Communities would pay for fees needed by public to place tires out for trash.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board:

Pote application Block 11102, Lot 8 was reviewed. EC action not required.

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 9:06 PM. Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Mike Balogh. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary