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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2016**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:39PM 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: John Rogalo, Nicole Member, Michael Balogh  
Lorraine Bender  
Absent: Owen Newson, Jason Heymer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

July 14, 2016 minutes were approved. Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Mike Balogh. (UC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Mia Genovese, Source Water Specialist, from the NJ Water Association attended the meeting to present the EC with the Source Water Protection Plan that she had prepared jointly for Stanhope and Netcong. The EC reviewed the plan with her at length and Lorraine provided some corrections, clarifications, and further details based on her extensive knowledge of town history. Mia will revise the document and seek final approval from Bill Storms before providing a final draft to the EC. The EC inquired with Mia as to what actions can be taken based on the SWPP and what the next steps might be. Mia provided several packets of information, one about rain gardens and the other about green infrastructure, as ideas to improve Stanhope's groundwater infiltration rates along with public outreach and education efforts. The EC felt that Lenape Valley High School and Valley Road School might be good candidates for rain gardens as a way to get students involved. Mia offered her assistance if the rain gardens were to move forward as well as offering to present a program, including her groundwater infiltration model, to students at no cost to the schools or EC. These ideas will be followed up with the Go Green Club at MYPHS and the administration at Valley Road School once school begins. Due to the proximity of several contaminated sites to Stanhope's wells, especially wells 3 and 4 in Mount Olive which have major sites within their Tier 1 range, Mike inquired as to what preventative measures could be taken rather than waiting for contaminants to show up in well water before taking action. Mia suggested following up with the DEP for measures that can be undertaken but clarified that

the Dynapac Manufacturing site on Love Lane, which is of particular concern, is in active mitigation and the contaminants are thought to be moving northwest and away from town wells. John inquired as to Mia's opinion on the state of our wells as compared with the rest of NJ and Mia felt that Stanhope's wells are in relatively good shape and are reasonably safe from known contamination. That said, the shallow depth of the wells (especially those in Mount Olive which are located in highly permeable glacial till), lack of back-up power on several wells, and fact that Stanhope can only store 24 hours worth of finished water were identified as areas for potential improvement. The EC thanks Mia for her valuable input and significant effort in preparing the Source Water Protection Plan.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

7/26/16 Dana Mooney: CFO: 2017 Budget request

**Sent:**

None

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Memorial Park plantings:** John will bring planting list of native species to our September meeting. EC will check with Brian McNeilly regarding any purchase/spending procedures.

**New Trail focus:** Mike and Nicole will walk/map "trails" in Trestle Park in September.

**Fall Clean-up planning:** Clean-up Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 25. Planning will take place at the September meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EC Letterhead:** Mike provided the EC with three examples. The EC liked best the one with the picture at the bottom. Thank you Mike.

**EC Facebook/Mike:** No movement. Mike will bring samples of information on environmental issues that the EC might send out on Stanhope's Nixle alerts or post on the borough Facebook. Mike suggests we pick one item to send out each month.

**EC Tent purchase/Nicole:** No movement.

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:** Melissa has submitted the paperwork. We expect to hear something soon. John will reach out to Roe about getting the DEP liaison involved to push things along.

**Mount Olive/Stanhope trail grant/allocation of monies:** No movement

**LVRHS Go Green Club/Green Vision:** Nicole will contact advisors once school starts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2017 Budget Request:** We will complete this at the September meeting.

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:**

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** Water quality has been much better this year due to use of new pelletized herbicide.

**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 9:10PM. Motion by Nicole Member and seconded by Lorraine Bender. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary

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