

approved 7/11/19



**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
June 13, 2019**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:33PM by Chairman 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, John Rogalo, Anthony Riccardi,  
Absent: Mike Balogh, Nicole Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 11, 2019 minutes were approved. Motion made by Owen Newson and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC) (No May meeting/Lack of quorum)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

5/15/19 Dykstra Walker Design Group: Flood Hazard Permit

5/21/19 Sussex County Solid Waste Facility: Household Hazardous Waste collection

6/10/19 Land Use Board: Manjit Singh Bajaw/Block 11701/Lot 2: Variance application

**Sent:**

None

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Clean Communities:** Since our Spring Clean-Up was rained out, the EC decided to schedule a Fall Clean-Up. The date scheduled is Sunday, Sept. 22 with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 29 from 12:30 - 3:30 meeting at the Valley Road School.

**Facebook: Topic for the Month:** Anthony will post something either on Tick identification/Lyme disease or the Stanhope ordinance banning phosphorus fertilizer.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement

**CURRENT ACTIVITY: (Cont.)**

**Trail Maintenance:** No movement

**Stanhope Day Festival:** The EC's participation in Stanhope Day was reviewed. Anthony, Owen and Mike manned the table. Trail maps and Stanhope drawstring bags were distributed. The Canal Walk was rescheduled at Mayor Maio's request from 3:00PM to 5:00 PM. Mayor Maio did not want the 3:00 Canal Walk to take away business from vendors on Main Street. The Canal Walk was held at 5:00. No one attended despite talking it up to the public during the day at the EC table and having a sign advertising the walk. We will try again next year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park plantings:** A September planting is scheduled. Probably Saturday, Sept. 21, the day before Clean-Up day.

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:** Anthony suggested that members of the EC attend a council meeting to help him remind Mayor and Council of the Furnace Pond project and the need for action by the Lake Hopatcong Superintendent.

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

**Lutheran Church easement:** John will reach out to borough engineer, Eric Keller, to reassess the wetlands designation of the property in question.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:** Minutes of 4/10/19 and 5/8/19 were reviewed/no comment

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** John reported that the State has not budgeted any money for Lake Musconetcong this year. He feels Mayor and Council should fight this. The consequence will be less harvesting and fewer herbicide treatments.

**Land Use Board:** Dykstra Walker Design Group's flood hazard permit was discussed. No Comment. Also, Manjit Singh Bajaw's Block 11701/Lot 2 variance application was discussed. No comment.

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:**

**LIAISON REPORTS: (Cont.)**

**Plaster Mill:** Anthony reported that borough engineer, Eric Keller, submitted a memo on 6/11/19 to the state Historic Preservation Office regarding de-listing the Plaster Mill. We await the response.

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM with a motion by Owen Newson and a second by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary