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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
March 14, 2019**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:40PM 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, Mike Balogh  
Absent: Nicole Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

February 14, 2019 minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by John Rogalo. Abstention: Mike Balogh (MC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

2/19/19 NJ Highlands Coalition: Rivers Conference

2/25/19 DEP: Block 10710/Lot1 Riparian Zone Warning

3/6/19 Dana Mooney CFO: Purchasing Procedures

3/12/19 Bowman Consulting: TWA Permits/Port Morris Pump Station

**Sent:**

2/15/19 Ellen Horak: ANJEC grant notification

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Oath of Allegiance and Office:**

The Oath of Allegiance and Office for Nicole Member was postponed due to her absence.

**Clean Communities: 4/28/2019 12:30 - 3:30**

The local chapter of the Sierra Club has offered to participate in April's clean-up. Owen will call to confirm. Whether they will receive the \$200 as a Stanhope non-profit is in question. It was determined that the sites to be cleaned will be the Valley Road School trails, LVRHS trails, and Lakeside and Salmon Park. We will meet at the Valley Road School. John will bring tables and water. Mike will bring tent and chairs. Owen will

**CURRENT ACTIVITY: (cont.)**

bring gloves, bags, sign, vests, etc. Owen will call Nicole to check on non-profit notification letters, and status of LVRHS Go Green Club participation.

**Facebook: Topic for the Month:** Anthony will post an announcement for the EC's Clean Communities Day in April.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement

**Trail Maintenance:**

Mayor and Council have given permission for EC to apply for a \$1500 ANJEC grant to cover engineering costs for trail remediation at the entrance of the Tri-Town trail located at the Valley Road School. The grant application is due April 15th by 4:30PM. John will call borough engineer Eric Keller to estimate engineering costs. Mike and John will complete ANJEC grant application.

**Stanhope Day Festival: 6/9/19**

The Trail Walk of the Stanhope portion of the Morris Canal will start at 3PM. Owen and John will lead. Owen will call the Musconetcong Watershed Ambassador to see if they can participate with an environmental based demonstration. Stanhope back packs will be distributed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lakeside Park plantings:** John is aiming for April 28th planting date.

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:** Anthony will remind council of the major delay that has impacted the Furnace Pond trail project. The Hopatcong Park Superintendant has failed to submit her application and this has impacted the approval of the Furnace Pond trails. Anthony will ask that something in writing from council be done to help push the process.

**Invasive Plant Species workshop:** Nicole is moving forward with plans.

**Lutheran Church easement:** John will talk with Eric Keller to discuss his wetlands designation of potential trail placement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The EC 2018 Annual Report was submitted for commission approval. Approval will take place next month.

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:** Minutes of Jan. 9, 2019 were reviewed/no comment

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:**

**Land Use Board:**

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:**

**Plaster Mill:** The application for de-listing the Plaster Mill was just mailed by borough engineer, Eric Keller. The state has 45 days to respond to the request.

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mike Balogh and a second by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary

