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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
March 10, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:47PM 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,
Lorraine Bender, Michael Balogh
Absent: Jason Heymer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 11, 2016, minutes were approved. Motion made by Nicole Member and seconded by Owen Newson. Abstained: Mike Balogh, Lorraine Bender (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

New Jersey Clean Communities: Fourth Annual Clean Water Challenge

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

The 2015 EC Annual Report was received and approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by Lorraine Bender (UC)

John will attend the next Council meeting to ask permission to apply for 2016 ANJEC grant. Grant money will be used to replace the invasive Winged Euonymus that was planted on Continental Drive. John and Mike will work on application if approved by Council.

Assignments were given to EC members in preparation for Clean Communities Day on April 24, 2016. Owen will schedule for use of Nixle e-mail, use of DPW Electric Sign, and send E-blast to mailing list of former volunteers. Owen will be stationed at Stanhope Beach area. John will be stationed at Valley Road School. Nicole will create advertising flyer, send letters to community non-profits, and provide water for both locations. Mike

will bring new banners to both locations and talk to Jack at Bell's regarding food and drink afterwards.

The Valley Road School 3rd graders will be participating in the state tree nursery offer. Mike will follow-up with more details at April's meeting.

Stanhope Day will be held June 12. John will follow-up with watershed ambassador to see if he or she can attend.

Nicole informed the EC that Valley Road School will hold a clean-communities program paid for with borough clean-communities funds. The program will be held May 31 starting at 8:30AM. The program is about our water resources and is called "In a Drop." The presenter is Jack Branigan. There will be two presentations: Grades K-4 and 5-8.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEP head Josh Ozowski and Hopatcong Park superintendent, Melissa Castellon walked the Furnace Pond trails with John and Mike. They toured for about an hour and a half and were in agreement with the trails plan. They asked that John and Mike also include in their map plan any signage/benches that might be required so that the plan may be approved all at once. Mike will add more detail to the map.

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:

Mike suggested the EC create a Facebook page to publicize EC projects and events and generate more community involvement. Mike will check with borough administrator, Brian McNeilly, regarding feasibility.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

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 9:05 PM. Motion by Nicole Member and seconded by Mike Balogh. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

