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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
May 12, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:40PM 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  
Jason Heymer, Lorraine Bender  
Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 14, 2016 minutes were approved. Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Nicole Member. Abstained: Lorraine Bender, Jason Heymer (MC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Mia Genovese, a source water specialist, of the NJ Water Association spoke to the EC. She is developing a Source Water Protection Plan for the borough and wanted to speak with the EC to gain more information about the Stanhope area and our four wells. The EC informed her of past solvents leaked at Dynapac near one of the borough's wells and the asbestos contamination upstream at ~~was~~<sup>WHAT</sup> is now Isolatek. The EC discussed their concern with proposed development in Mt. Olive and buried oil tanks at the High Point condos. The clean-up in Byram at the Mansfield Trail was also discussed. Mia offered her services to partner with the borough on educating residents on source water protection. The EC asked if she could attend Stanhope Day. She agreed to and will give source water protection demonstrations at the EC table.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

4/15 Dana Mooney: Budget report as of 4/15/16

Land Use Board: Bruzzese/Block 11207/Lot 11 Site Plan

First Environment, Inc.: Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit notification

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

John and Mike reported to the EC that the \$500 ANJEC grant application for border plantings at Memorial Park was denied. Mike will check with ANJEC to see how we can

improve our next application. It was suggested that the EC could use money from their budget to buy plantings for the park. It was agreed by the EC to spend \$400 from the budget line item of Open Space Stewardship on the plantings. Owen will check with Brian McNeilly to see if Council is in agreement with this proposal.

Mike showed the EC thank you notes sent from the Valley Road School 3rd graders for the tree seedlings that were provided for Arbor Day.

The EC helped judge the Valley Road School Earth Day poster contest. The EC selected possible winners for final selection by Mayor and Council.

Stanhope Day was discussed. Mike will provide tent and table and bring the Furnace Pond Trail map. Jason will bring literature he has obtained from the state as well as a DVD player to play "Living with Bears" video. As noted, Mia Genovese, Source Water Specialist will be present. Jason will call and remind her of date. Mike will look for affordable "Recycle" stickers for public distribution.

Mike stated that the potential EC Facebook page project is currently on hold.

Nicole stated that at this time there has been no movement on EC tent purchase.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement

Mount Olive/Stanhope trail grant/allocation of monies: No news at this time. Mayor Maio is investigating.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

LVRHS Go Green Club/Green Vision: Nicole will provide the EC more information on this program this Fall.

**BILLS:**

Mike Balogh submitted voucher for payment of \$8.98 for water and ice at Clean-up Day.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health:

Mike reviewed the 4/13/16 minutes. No action needed.

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

John reported that the LMPB is in need for a new site to deposit harvested weeds from lake.

**Land Use Board:**

Bruzzese application Block 11207, Lot 11 was reviewed. The only concern is the amount of impervious coverage: 60% is allowed while application lists 82% coverage. Owen will submit a letter to Land Use Board stating our concern.

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

Owen stated that the Society is holding a program on Amelia Earhart on May 20, at 7:30 at the Stanhope Pres. Church.

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM. Motion by Owen Newson and seconded by Lorraine Bender. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary

