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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Reorganizational and Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2017**

**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 19, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

**ROLL CALL:** Owen Newson, John Rogalo, Michael Balogh  
**ABSENT:** Jason Heymer, Nicole Member

**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

John Rogalo: Reappointed as Chairman to a 1 year term to expire 12-31-17  
Nicole Member: Reappointed as Vice-Chairwoman for a 1 year term to expire 12-31-17  
Owen Newson: Re-appointed as Recording Secretary

Designation of official newspapers: *New Jersey Herald* and *Daily Record*

Approval of meeting dates/time/place: Proposed: 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11/18 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall.)

Mike Balogh took the Oath of Allegiance and Office administered by Owen Newson. 3 year term to expire 12/31/19.

**Board Liaisons as agreed to for 2017:**

- Board of Health: Mike Balogh
- Mayor and Council: Nicole Member
- Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: John Rogalo
- Land Use Board: John Rogalo
- Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society: Owen Newson
- Musconetcong Sewerage Authority: Owen Newson
- Recreation Commission: Mike Balogh
- Shade Tree Commission: Jason Heymer
- Plaster Mill: John Rogalo and Owen Newson
- Water Quality: Mike Balogh

A motion was made by Owen Newson and seconded by Mike Balogh to accept the changes as recorded of the EC Re-organizational meeting. (UC)

## REGULAR MEETING

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 8, 2016 minutes were approved. Motion made by Owen Newson and seconded by John Rogalo. (UC)

### OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Christina Mueller of 27 Elm Street was a visitor at our meeting. She works at Schindler Elevator Co. and wanted to observe an EC meeting to see what we do. She said she is interested in joining but not sure. The EC informed her to contact the mayor if she wishes an appointment. She stayed for the meeting and contributed with questions and comments.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

#### Received:

12/19 Fred and Karen Kuechenmeister: Freshwater Wetlands App.

Mayor and Council: Invitation to Annual Reorg. Meeting 1/3/17

1/3 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's appointments to Env. Comm.

1/4 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Actions at Reorg. Meeting

#### Sent:

None

### CURRENT ACTIVITY:

**New Trail focus:** No action

**Clean Communities Program:** No action

**Mia Genovese (Source Water consultant): Valley Road School program:**

Mike reported that the school has her contact information and will be arranging a school presentation for the students.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Furnace Pond Trails and DEP approval:** Mike measured Furnace Pond trails and their distance from water. Many sections are within 25 feet of the water. Mike reported this to the mayor this past month who will contact Melissa Castleton (Hopatcong Supt.) to continue permitting process.

**Mt. Olive/Stanhope Trail Grant: Allocation of monies:** No new information

**Tent purchase:** No action

**Facebook: Topic of the Month:** Mike will send Green Vision (Randolph) electronics recycling info to webmaster for posting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The EC recognized the passing of Fred Bender, husband of long time member, Lorraine Bender. On behalf of the commission, the EC asked Owen to send a sympathy card and fruit basket to Lorraine in recognition of her loss.

**BILLS:**

John signed voucher for ANJEC dues (\$300) which had been approved by EC at December's meeting.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:** Minutes for 11/9/16 and 12/14/16. Mike reported a leaking oil tank on Young Drive.

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** John reported that the Board is out of money for weed disposal.

**Land Use Board:** John reported that the mini cell towers proposed for the high school roof were approved.

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewerage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:**

**Plaster Mill:**

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM. Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Mike Balogh. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson  
Secretary