

## Environmental Commission Meeting

### Minutes

June 7, 2011

A. Open Meeting **Mr. Foster called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and it was announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.**

#### **In attendance**

**Judy Tutela, Recorder**

**Frank Ace**

**Christina Albrecht**

**Steve Foster, Chair**

#### **Members of the Public:**

**Keith Petzinger**

B. Minutes:

1. May 17, 2011 **Carried to next meeting for lack of quorum of attendees**
2. May 3, 2011 **Ms. Tutela made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ace seconded the motion. All in favor, no nays recorded.**

C. LOI/Freshwater Wetlands

None

D. Correspondence:

1. Exemption for Public Service Elec. & Gas **Noted**
2. Copy of Memo from Vita Mekovetz dated May 23, 2011, w/encs. **Noted**
3. No further Action letter from State of NJ regarding B. 10, L. 22 **Noted**
4. Suspected hazardous substance letter from State regarding 75 Railroad Ave. **Noted**
5. No further Action letter from State of NJ regarding B. 69, L. 13.21 **Noted**
6. Approval letter from State regarding Watershed Protection **Mr. Foster noted that this was part of the Townships' Stormwater Plan. So Noted**

E. Old Business:

1. C-1 Petition status – **Mr. Foster stated that Dr. Sousa informed him that we need to file a request for new data with NJ DEP. This would begin the process for filing a petition of rulemaking. We briefly discussed the process for this.**
2. Update recycling sign – **Mr. Ace obtained a quote for the cost of building a bulletin board. Please note this is a bulletin board and not a sign. The cost for materials would be approximately \$150.00. Ms. Tutela made the motion to proceed with building the bulletin board, Ms. Albrecht seconded. All in favor, no nays recorded.**
3. Green Team Status **Mr. Foster shared the media release for Readington's achievement of the Sustainable Communities Certification with us. Vita Mekovetz briefly joined the meeting and displayed the official Certification plaque.**
4. Webpage update – **All updates would need to go through Vita Mekovetz, Administrator, as there is a cost involved but the EC members were asked to**

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**sketch out the categories they would like to see included and the associated links. Mr. Petzinger asked if we had thought about using Facebook. Discussion followed about who would be responsible for maintaining the site and what Township permissions/coordination would be needed. It was discussed that we should keep this in the back of our minds as this approach might reach/cover an expanded audience.**

5. 2010 Stormwater Annual Report status - **It was noted that we were certified with 11 points and we only need 10 points.**
6. Use of the Readington School District ~Listserve update – **Discussed that we need to contact the school Superintendent to have the ability to utilize the Community news as a means for disseminating information. Once it is decided what information will be sent out then the process to get connected can occur.**

F Educational Opportunities – **Mr. Foster indicated he will send out the ANJEC Roadshow calendar for all to review.**  
- **Reviewed notice related to the new Fertilizer law**

**G. Site Plan Review and Comment**

PLANNING BOARD – HEARING FILES

1. Hassan Nahvi  
Block 39, L. 3  
Preliminary Major Site Plan  
**Hearing date: June 27, 2011**  
**Action date: July 7, 2011**

**Reviewed the letter and file. The files did not appear to have any items to be noted except the question of how the roof might be drained.**

PLANNING BOARD – COMPLETENESS FILES

1. Fallone Properties, LLC  
19 Whitehouse Ave.  
B. 31, L. 37  
Preliminary Major Subdivision  
Action date: June 23, 2011

**No file available to review and still incomplete**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HEARING FILES

None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – COMPLETENESS FILES

None

H Publications

None

I. Minutes

Board of Adjustment – sent via email - **Noted**

Planning Board – sent via email - **Noted**

J. Soil Conservation Reports

1. HCSCD for 91 Lazy Brook Road, B. 74, L. 21 – **Stop construction notice -Noted**

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**K. Public Comment – Mr. Petzinger asked how the new fertilizer law was going to be enforced as it did not appear to have penalty. Mr. Foster indicated that landscapers would be penalized and that the public needs to be educated and informed to keep their interest in future water quality.**

**NEW Business – ANJEC suggests towns create formal resolutions in favor of prohibiting Hydro Fracking for extracting natural gas. Mr. Ace will obtain the sample resolution and share with the members. A further discussion will take place next meeting on this resolution.**

**L. Adjournment**

**A motion to close the meeting at 8:58 was made by Ms. Albrecht. Mr. Ace seconded the motion. All in favor, no nays recorded.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judy Tutela**