

**MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
February 26, 2018
7:30 P.M**

CALL TO ORDER:

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

The February 26, 2018 Reorganizational Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a Reorganizational Business Meeting of the East Amwell Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on February 15, 2018. A copy of tonight's agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times Newspaper, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

2018 ATTENDANCE

Environmental Commission Member	No Meeting	2/26/18	3/26/18	4/23/18	5/28/18	6/25/18	7/23/18	No meeting	9/24/18	10/22/18	11/26/18	No Meeting
Dee Kellogg		X										
Joe Angelone		X										
Frances Gavigan		X										
Tom Rue		X										
Patsy Wang-Iverson		X										
Lisa Davis (alt. II)		X										
Kevin Ostrander (alt.I)												

*Others present: David Wang-Iverson, Gail Brewi
Public: None present*

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: February 26, 2018 Reorganizational Meeting

Minutes of November 27, 2017: Motion to approve draft minutes as reflected was made by Tom Rue and seconded by Patsy Wang-Iverson. None opposed or abstained. Minutes were unanimously approved with no edits or corrections.

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- Gail Brewi, asked for the commissions comments regarding the May and December regularly scheduled dates since they fall on Holidays this year. It was decided that the May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30th and there will be NO meeting in December. It was also decided to hold a regularly scheduled meeting in August on the 27th. The commission will discuss dates for 2019 in November.
- Committee Liaisons for this year are as follows:
 - Tom Rue – Recycling
 - Frances Gavigan – AG Advisory
 - Frances Gavigan – Planning Board
 - Tom Rue - Farmland & Open Space
 - Dee Kellogg - Recreational
 - David Wang-Iverson - Township Committee
- Commission Sub Committees for upcoming year as follows:
 - Site Review (*legally obligated to have*) – Joe Angelone, Tom Rue, Frances Gavigan
 - Public Outreach (*part of our charge*) – Patsy Wang-Iverson, Lisa Davis plans for 2018 include participation in Hunterdon County Day & Color Run
- Commission discussed necessity to choose initiatives necessary vs. supplemental charges so that the committees can be productive, and commission is not overcommitted. It was decided that we do not have ample manpower to take on the updating of both the environmental inventory resources list along with the conservation easement. Homework for members is to decide whether we are moving forward with reviewing the Environmental Resource Inventory or Easement project. Details below as provided.
 - Environmental Resource Inventory cost West Amwell Township \$25k to complete but Dee Kellogg believes it could be completed for less (estimated \$10k). She suggested that for 2018 a review and evaluation of the plans could be completed, and a recommendation made to include a proposed update and budget necessary to accomplish. Dee Kellogg shared that the difference between this 1975 inventory and the Open Space Plan recently completed by the township is that the Resource Inventory focuses on the eco system services and quantifying how much open space you need to support the number of wells in East Amwell and do effective recharge. There is overlap but, they are not congruent. The driver for the Open Space Plan completed was the funding from the County and this is not present with the Environmental Resource Inventory which will make the money challenging to obtain. Township current plan is from the 1990's when a

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No Public.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to close the meeting made by Joe Angelone, seconded by Tom Rue, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion to re-open meeting was made by Patsy Wang-Iverson, seconded by Tom Rue, and carried unanimously to re-open for payment of ANJEC annual fees. Motion to close the meeting made by Joe Angelone, seconded by Tom Rue, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.



Gail Brewi
Environmental Commission Secretary