

## MINUTES

**East Amwell Township Environmental Commission  
Reorganization & Business Meeting  
January 25, 2010  
7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The January 25, 2010 Reorganization Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, S. Parsons at 7:35 PM.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, S. Parsons announced that this is the Reorganization Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 24, 2009. A copy of tonight's agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the Trenton Times Newspaper, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** S. Parson, M. Petrus, D. Sageser, D. Kellogg, T. Robbi, J. Angelone,  
E. Feinberg, K. Hanntz, J. Corboy (secretary)

**ABSENT:** T. Martin, B. Hummel, K. Haney

**New member, Edward Feinberg, was introduced by the secretary and he gave members some background information on himself. He will serve as "Alternate 2." He was warmly welcomed by all.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON:** S. Parsons called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. M. Petrus nominated D. Kellogg for the position of Vice-Chairperson. This motion was seconded by T. Robbi. No other nominations were received. Vote was unanimously in favor. M. Petrus opened and closed the nominations.

**READING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2010 RESOLUTION:** Annual Notice Schedule – 2010 – was read to the members by J. Corboy. Members reviewed the dates of the meetings for 2010. There were no conflicts with holidays. D. Kellogg moved to accept the Resolution as read. Second was received from M. Petrus and the vote was unanimously in favor. The December meeting will not be held. Secretary will forward the Resolution to the Hunterdon County Democrat – Legal Public Notices.

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**APPOINT SUBCOMMITTEES:** Members briefly discussed the naming and need for some of the sub-committees. It was decided that Clawson Park and Solar Energy could be removed. New sub-committees were named: Sustainable East Amwell and Public Outreach. The following persons have been appointed to these sub-committees.

- a. Site Review Committee – T. Robbi, M. Petrus, F. Clair - (J. Angelone – alternate)
- b. 4-H Fair – D. Kellogg, M. Petrus, K. Hanntz, J. Angelone
- c. Conservation Easements – S. Parsons, D. Kellogg, E. Feinberg, + Site Review
- d. Sustainable East Amwell – D. Sagaser, M. Petrus, E. Feinberg
- e. Public Outreach – T. Robbi, M. Petrus, K. Hanntz

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** November 23, 2009 – Business Meeting

The minutes of the November 23, 2009 business meeting were motioned for approval by T. Robbi, and with a second from M. Petrus were approved with one change/deletion on page two. There was one abstention.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

a. ANJEC – Membership Renewal – Dues (seven members)	-	\$280.00
Workshop Plan	-	60.00

T. Robbi made the motion to pay these bills. M. Petrus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS:**

- a. Planning Board – D. Sageser stated that the Planning Board held its Reorganization Meeting. D. Reilly was once again elected Chairperson. Goals were discussed and they decided to review the zoning requirements for the valley area to establish more explicit design standards that would be compatible with East Amwell as one of their goals for 2010. D. Sageser gave members a brief explanation of the reasoning behind this new goal.
- b. Township Committee – T. Martin was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.
- c. Recycling Committee – M. Petrus informed members that the Recycling Committee held their reorganization meeting on 1/12/10. J. Corboy informed members that the following topics were discussed: W. Harrison was elected Chairperson and K. Martin was elected Vice-Chairperson; Clean-Up Day will be 4/24/10; preliminary discussion of

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goals; purchase of more recycling containers for the athletic fields. S. Parsons informed members that Hunterdon County will be holding Earth Day on 4/24/10.

d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi stated that three farms are currently being considered for preservation: one on Dutch Lane, one on Cider Mill Road and the land across from the school. Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance is working on the third one. He also informed members that bald eagles have been spotted in East Amwell Township and an article on this topic will in the next VIP.

e. Smart Growth Grant II – T. Robbi suggested that the name for this item be changed to: “Sourlands Municipal Alliance Council.” Members agreed. T. Carluccio is the East Amwell Township representative and T. Robbi is the alternate. It has not yet met.

d. Stormwater Committee – D. Kellogg stated that the Committee met with the Township Committee on 11/24/09 where it was decided to dissolve this Committee. This item will be removed from the agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. Solar Energy Update – Nothing to report from this group. This item will be removed from future agendas.

b. Website Update – This item will be removed from future agendas.

c. Clawson Park – This item will be removed from future agendas.

d. Public Outreach – K. Hanntz reported that \$187 was raised for the school by collecting drinking and cookie pouches for TerraCycle. There is a school garden in the courtyard, which is monitored by the students. M. Petrus informed members that the school is planning on a program for Earth Day – April 22. He is planning a presentation for it. He also inquired about the Harvest Fest and whether we would consider supporting a booth. Members gave their support. M. Petrus and D. Sageser will investigate the possibilities.

e. Conservation Easements – S. Parsons informed members that the final report was sent to ANJEC. E-Mail copies were sent to all members prior to tonight’s meeting. Township received reimbursement. All requirements have been met. Money is still left in the budget - \$1149.52. It will be used for a new map and a print out of all of the scanned files. She also reported that there is a list of properties (17) still needing further review. She is setting a goal of site visiting at least 30 – 40 conservation easement properties each year.

f. Natural Resource Inventory – B. Hummel was absent this evening. No report was received.

g.. Sustainable Jersey – Green by Design – D. Sageser stated that he hopes to expand the field to others in the community. Previously there was talk of reaching out to other Committees and Boards, grange, school, etc. He suggested that members check out their website for full information and to get an idea of what is required. No deadline for reaching goals. Grants are available and there are deadlines for them. The sub-committee plans on meeting soon to get started on this project.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Roadside Clean-Up Day:** In the absence of Blaine Hummel, secretary suggested that a vote be taken to support this venture. D. Sageser made the motion and M. Petrus seconded it. All were in favor. Secretary will inform B. Hummel of our support.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence was listed on the 1/25/10 agenda. There were no last minute items added to this agenda.

**OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS:** S. Parson informed members that she purchased a kit from ANJEC entitled "Take the EQ Challenge." This program was developed by Hopewell Township. Members reviewed the materials and received a brochure explaining the program. She stated that she thought it might be a good program for the school and perhaps, distribute the brochures at the 4-H Fair.

Members briefly discussed Correspondence item # j-5 – Letter from PS&S – multi-purpose general permit. This item was submitted for our information only – no action taken.

S. Parsons inquired about a liaison to the Township Website and it was suggested that she contact T. Stahl.

T. Robbi suggested that members go on the New Jersey government website to receive information on the different reports given by the new Governor's transitional team on the Department of Environmental Protection.  
(<http://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/report/Environmental%20Protection.pdf>.)

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** None present.

**ADJOURN: 8:45 PM** Motion for adjournment was received from D. Kellogg and M. Petrus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Joyce S. Corboy, Secretary

cc: Env. Com. Members	Board of Adjustment	Board of Health
Twp. Com. & Clerk	Democrat Newspaper	Recreation Com.
Twp. Bulletin Brd.	Trenton Times	Recycling Com.
Planning Board	Associate Members	Agric. Adv. Com.
Farmland & Open Space Preservation		