

MINUTES

**East Amwell Township Environmental Commission  
Business Meeting  
April 25, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The April 25, 2011 Business 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 Regular Business Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 27, 2011. 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. Parsons, D. Sageser, T. Robbi, D. Kellogg, E. Feinberg, J. Bradstreet, J. Corboy (Secretary)

**ABSENT:** M. Petrus, F. Clair, J. Angelone, T. Mathews, B. Hummel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** March 28, 2011 Business Meeting

The minutes of the March 28, 2011 business meeting were motioned for approval by T. Robbi, and with a second from E. Feinberg, were approved with no corrections/additions. There were two abstentions.

**LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA:**

**1. Note from J. Luhrs/CFO, 4/6/11, re: 2011 Budget**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:** none presented

**REPORTS:**

a. Planning Board – D. Sageser informed members that the Planning Board worked on refining the Solar Ordinance – not a major revision. The Sourland Mountain zone was brought into alignment with references in the ordinance. The latest refinements on the Solar Ordinance have been given to the Township Committee and will be retro-active. They also had a presentation by a leading Solar Panel Aggregator giving them information on: putting sites together, showing opportunities to install solar and handling the solar renewable energy credits. Currently there is a two year Federal income tax credit incentive.

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- b. Township Committee – Representative was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.
- c. Recycling Committee – M. Petrus was absent this evening. J. Corboy informed members that the Recycling Committee April Meeting was not officially held due to a lack of quorum. Those present did review several items on the agenda.
- d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi informed members that two farms have applied directly to the State – no East Amwell nor County funds will be needed. He also informed members of a Cider Mill property preservation for grassland birds – Green Acres partially funded and a minor amount is coming from East Amwell Township. Delaware/Raritan will manage the property. FOSPC is also working on the preservation of another property on Old York Road, approximately 100 acres. Hunterdon Land Trust is working with them on this preservation.
- e. Site Review Committee – T. Robbi stated that the site visit to the solar farm (Block 3, Lots 1 & 2.02) – Board of Adjustment application – is slated for this week. Our copy of the application papers were given to E. Feinberg to prepare for the site visit.
- f. Public Outreach – M. Petrus was absent this evening. Thus, no report received. T. Robbi informed members of the recent publicity in the Hunterdon County Democrat on the Roadside Clean-Up event.
- g. Conservation Easements – S. Parson stated that the letters and reports were sent out to the property owners of the last four sites visited. She is waiting for M. Petrus to select the next group of properties to be site visited and also a prospective date for that visit.
- h. Stream Quality Assessment – D. Kellogg stated that she had nothing new to report on this topic. T. Robbi stated that J. Bradstreet has agreed to join this group for upcoming stream water collections. He also suggested that the group consider doing a baseline study in July instead of August.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS: Members reviewed the correspondence from J. Luhrs on the 2011 Budgets. Members requested information of the approved amounts for 2011. Members also discussed a future newsletter on the website and information to be sent out with the annual July tax bills.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 4/25/11 agenda. Last minute addition is listed earlier in these minutes.**

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**OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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

**ADJOURN: 8:08 PM** Motion for adjournment was received from **D. Kellogg** and **T. Robbi** 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