

## MINUTES

### **East Amwell Township Environmental Commission Business Meeting September 26, 2011 7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The September 26, 2011 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, S. Parsons at 7:38 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, J. Bradstreet, E. Feinberg, J. Corboy (Secretary)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** August 22, 2011 Business Meeting

The minutes of the August 22, 2011 business meeting were motioned for approval by E. Feinberg, and with a second from S. Parsons, were approved with one clarification on page two, section f. There were two abstentions.

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

- a. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 9/21/11, re: Green Mapping Workshop – 10/5/11
- b. Recycling at the 2011 Hunterdon County Fair (from M. Petrus)

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:** None presented.

#### **REPORTS:**

a. Planning Board – D. Sageser stated that the Planning Board receive an amended application from Everitt/Solar Farm. This application was rejected by the Board of Adjustment. Application was then amended - lot relocation/adjustment – house is on a separate lot from the solar panels. Location of the solar panels was split between two locations and landscape buffers were increased as well as setback from the road. All setback requirements are compliant with regulations. With all of these changes, the

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application was approved by the Planning Board. The Planning Board then had a brief update on the draft tree harvesting ordinance from the sub-committee. D. Sageser also informed members that the Stahl application has been pulled from the Board of Adjustment agenda and it will now be presented to the Planning Board.

b. Township Committee – Representative was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

c. Recycling Committee – M. Petrus was absent this evening. However, he did send his 4-H Fair recycling report prior to this meeting. Approximately two cubic yards of containers and six cubic yards of cardboard were collected. Also collected were eighteen 5-gallon containers of cooking oil, eighteen plastic bakery trays (recycled at Shop-Rite), and 3,470 plastic bags (also recycled at Shop-Rite) All recyclables were collected each morning between 8:00 – 10:00 AM. M. Petrus also reminded members via e-mail about Good Will Industries truck being present at the October 1 Depot Day. Besides clothing and furniture, they will be accepting electronics. Hunterdon County will be having their Electronics Recycling Day on October 8. J. Corboy informed members that the Recycling Committee also discussed security for the Municipal Building parking lot, especially during Depot Days.

d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi was absent this evening. No report was received prior to this meeting.

f. Public Outreach/4-H Fair – D. Kellogg and M. Petrus were both absent this evening. However, M. Petrus did send his report on recycling at the 4-H Fair prior to this meeting. S. Parsons stated that the Fair was closed early (on Saturday) because of Hurricane Irene. Both J. Bradstreet and S. Parsons stated that attendance at the booth was excellent prior to the early closing.

g. Conservation Easements – S. Parson stated that she had no new action to report on this topic.

h. Stream Quality Assessment – D. Kellogg was absent this evening. Thus, no report was given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS: Last Minute Addition to the Agenda:**

**a. E-Mail message from T. Stahl, 9/21/11, Green Mapping Workshop – 10/5/11 Members discussed briefly. D. Sageser stated that he wondered if it was applicable to East Amwell Township. He stated that Banisch & Associates have done quite a bit of mapping for the Township. He will check further into this issue to determine if his attendance would be advisable. S. Parsons stated that the Township seems to have separate maps of different issues. It would be a great help to all if there were overlay maps so that all issues could be combined, if needed.**

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence was listed on the 9/26/11 agenda.

**OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS:** S. Parson informed members that she will be resigning from the Commission, both as Chairperson and as a member, at the end of the year, citing family issues that need her attention. She will be sending her letter of resignation to T. Stahl/Township Committee shortly.

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

**ADJOURN: 8:00 PM** Motion for adjournment was received from J. Bradstreet and D. Sageser 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		