

**MINUTES**  
**East Amwell Township Environmental Commission**  
**Business Meeting**  
**May 30, 2012**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The May 30, 2012 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, M. Petrus at 7:33 PM.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, M. Petrus announced that this is the Regular Business Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 26, 2012. 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:** M. Petrus, T. Robbi, J. Bradstreet, J. Angelone, S. Grace,  
J. Corboy (Secretary)

**ABSENT:** D. Sageser, D. Kellogg, F. Clair, E. Feinberg, B. Hummel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** April 23, 2012 – Business Meeting

The minutes of the April 23, 2012 Business Meeting were motioned for approval by J. Bradstreet, and with a second from T. Robbi, were approved with one deletion on page two – Farmland/Open Space Committee. There was one abstention.

**LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA:** No additions.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

a. Raritan Headwaters – Membership Contribution - \$100.00

T. Robbi made the motion to approve payment of this bill. J. Bradstreet seconded the motion and there was unanimous approval.

**REPORTS:**

a. Planning Board – D. Sageser was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

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

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- c. **Recycling Committee – M. Petrus reported that volunteers found very little garbage in the recycling dumpsters at the last Depot Day and that the Recycling Committee Meeting rather brief.**
- d. **Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi had nothing new to report from FOSPC. A couple of properties are still in the process of closing. However, he did inform members of a new project of trail building along the upper Stony Brook area which will be discussed under New Business.**
- e. **Site Review Committee – T. Robbi stated that there has been no activity to report for this sub-committee.**
- f. **Public Outreach – M. Petrus reported that he contacted Sweet Valley Nurseries and they volunteered a 50 lb. bag of bean seeds and a supply of 4” pots in which they could be planted. He is also planning to prepare a budget request for incidental supplies for the 4-H Fair.**
- g. **Conservation Easements – J. Bradstreet stated that he had nothing new to report this month. He has not heard back from any of the residents who received the last set of letters (3). He plans on calling them in the near future. He did prepare of list of names for the next set of letters (4) to be sent out and forwarded to this secretary.**
- h. **Stream Quality Assessment – D. Kellogg was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None presented.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Trail Preparation Along the Upper Stony Brook – T. Robbi informed members of a potential trail project along the upper Stony Brook( Snyderstown Road & Rt. 518). Green Acres has been contacted and they suggested that contact be made with the supervisor of Washington Crossing Park. T. Robbi briefly explained the location of the proposed trail sites. FOSPC is looking for a letter of support from us on this project. T. Robbi made the motion that we offer our support to FOSPC to create trails in the area previously mentioned. J. Angelone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Volunteers will be needed for the actual work. J. Bradstreet volunteered. As mentioned in last month’s minutes, T. Robbi was able to obtain several volunteers at the recent S. Grace presentation.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 5/30/12 agenda.**

**OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS: T. Robbi informed members that he has received word from two individuals who are willing to head up the Plant Exchange Project for next year. He hopes to meet with them soon along with M. Petrus. M. Petrus will be coordinating this project with T. Robbi. D. Ginman volunteered to**

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participate in the actual event, not in the planning of it. Brief discussion occurred concerning the monies obtained from this event. T. Robbi will check with J. Luhrs.

T. Robbi reported that he recently was in the area of the Everitt property and stated he saw no activity as far as the solar panel installation was concerned.

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

**ADJOURN: 8:05 PM** Motion for adjournment was received from T. Robbi and J. Bradstreet 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**