

MINUTES
East Amwell Township Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
August 26, 2013
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The August 26, 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Ex Vice Chairperson, D. Kellogg at 7:40 PM.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, D. Kellogg announced that this is the Regular Business Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 31, 2013. 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: D. Kellogg, T. Robbi, J. Angelone, E. Johanson,
J. Corboy (Secretary)

ABSENT: D. Sageser, M. Petrus, J. Bradstreet, S. Grace, B. Hummel

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: July 22, 2013 – Business Meeting
June 24, 2013 – Business Meeting

The minutes of the July 22, 2013 Business Meeting were motioned for approval by T. Robbi, and with a second from J. Angelone, were approved with no additions/corrections/deletions. There were two abstentions.

The minutes of the June 24, 2013 Business Meeting were motioned for approval by J. Angelone, and with a second from T. Robbi, were approved with no additions/corrections/deletions. There were three abstentions.

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA: (none received)

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: (none received)

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 – The Recycling Committee August Meeting was canceled due to the special elections. E. Johanson briefly updated members on the recycling at the 4-H Fair. The Fair had a record number in attendance. There were insufficient recycling containers and there were some problems in receiving assistance in emptying the containers. Also, contaminated recycling objects had to be sorted from clean ones. This situation was discussed via telephone with W. Harrison and it is possible that a letter and a copy of the recycling report with future suggestions will be issued to A. Johnson of the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority, with copies going to the Freeholders. The Recycling Committee will discuss the issues involved at their next meeting. J. Angelone suggested that all recycling at the fairgrounds be written directly into contracts with users of this facility. T. Robbi suggested that W. Harrison, M. Petrus and E. Johanson draft a letter and allow the Environmental Commission to review it. E. Johanson asked for any suggestions that the members might have. Who received credit for the recycling tonnage was also discussed.

d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi stated that he had nothing to report from FOSPC.

**e. Site Review Committee – Application from Hess Corporation –
Block 15.01, Lot 2**

J. Angelone briefly explained what the application is requesting – re-orienting the gas pumps in another direction and increasing the number of gas pumps, building a Hess Mart with a Dunkin Donuts located inside the facility. Site visit has been completed with a suggestion of a retention basin with plantings on the Route 202/31 side in order to divert run-off. E. Johanson suggested native plants, if possible, and more tree plantings. T. Robbi will send a copy of his draft site visit report to M. Petrus and J. Angelone again (not received the first time) and J. Angelone will forward the completed report to M. Andrews. Another suggestion made was to purchase additional acreage in order to pre-treat runoff. D. Kellogg commented that the new Stormwater Ordinance regulations may also have to be met. T. Robbi will contact T. Carluccio to check on this possibility.

f. Public Outreach/4-H Fair – D. Kellogg reported that the 4-H Fair had a good turnout, both of spectators and of volunteers for the booth. Seed packets were a great hit with the children. D. Kellogg will send a letter of thanks to all. Leftover plants from Plant Exchange Day were also given away. 4-H Fair materials were unloaded prior to the meeting and put in the cellar area. The prize wheel is in the cellar of the Municipal Building and D. Kellogg will contact S. Parsons to inform her of that fact.

g. Conservation Easements – J. Bradstreet was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: T. Robbi reported on the Trails Project. J. Angelone and he are still working on the preliminary clearing of the trails each Sunday and there was a discussion of future plans. The official work start date is September 15. The first grant report is due to ANJEC shortly – T. Robbi is preparing it. Members suggested that a recent article on open space and trails, prepared by S. Grace, be sent to the Township website - Environmental web page.

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 8/26/13 agenda.

OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS: No comments received.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None present.

ADJOURN: 8:20 PM Motion for adjournment was received from T. Robbi and J. Angelone seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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		