

MINUTES
East Amwell Township Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
October 28, 2013
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The October 28, 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, M. Petrus at 7:35 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: M. Petrus, T. Robbi, D. Sageser, J. Bradstreet, S. Grace,
E. Johanson, J. Corboy (Secretary)

ABSENT: D. Kellogg, J. Angelone, B. Hummel

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: September 28, 2013 – Business Meeting

The minutes of the September 28, 2013 Business Meeting were motioned for approval by D. Sageser, and with a second from S. Grace, were approved with no additions/corrections/deletions. There were two abstentions.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: (None Presented)

REPORTS:

- a. Planning Board – D. Sageser informed members that the Planning Board is still working on updating and the formal adoption of the Master Plan.
- b. Township Committee – D. Sageser announced that the Township Committee has hired a new Chief Financial Officer – A. Steinberg. He is also the CFO of Marlboro and Bethlehem. He is currently scheduled to be present in the office during normal working hours on Fridays. No further action has been taken on the Fire Emergency Plan – still being worked on.
- c. Recycling Committee – At their last meeting, the Recycling Committee began work on their master calendar. M. Petrus still has to obtain the 2014 calendar from the County Fair Grounds Committee. M. Dessel has been designated as the call person to obtain volunteers for the monthly Depot Day. At the October Depot Day,

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there was a special collection of scrap metals. The amounts collected were not particularly great – the dumpster was only filled to one-third capacity. D. Sageser stated that the Township Committee recently discussed the recycling of Styrofoam and that they are willing to assign one of the Road Crew to deliver the Styrofoam with a Township truck on Monday following the Depot Day when it is to be collected.

d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi reported on progress for the preservation of the Plimpton property, which is located next to the County Park area. Meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2013. Some small lots located on Ridge Road are being considered for preservation. FOSPC also discussed the scheduling of another “Green Fest” and are considering the month of April 2014. Members discussed some of the events that are usually held in April, such as, Roadside Clean-Up, Clean-Up Day and Stream Clean-Up. T. Robbi stated that they hope most of the Trails Project is completed so that it could be publicized at “Green Fest.”

e. Site Review Committee – T. Robbi informed members that the hearing on the Hess application was postponed until November 2013. He briefly explained the concerns he had about no filtration system for the excess water from the tarmac.

f. Public Outreach/4-H Fair – M. Petrus stated that he expects to go to the school this week and he hopes to meet with the Environmental Club advisor.

g. Conservation Easements – J. Bradstreet informed members that several letters have been sent out and he has had some responses. The next step is for site visits to these properties. M. Petrus and he hope to accomplish these site visits in the next couple of weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. ANJEC Trails Project – M. Petrus stated that they have finished the stone stairway and are working on the ridge walls. They still need to work on the raised trails over the wetlands areas and some grading. They hope to finish by April or May of 2014.

b. Invasive Plant Study – S. Grace stated that he spoke to Melissa of the Strike Force Team and that she is willing to attend one of our meetings to speak about the work that they are doing. M. Petrus stated that he is still working on the draft proposal for East Amwell Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Memo from T. Matheny – 2013 Budget Appropriation Transfers

Members reviewed the budgets as presented by T. Matheny. Secretary reminded members that there is still an outstanding invoice that needs to be paid for the 4-H Fair prizes. T. Robbi made the motion that we return \$300 from secretary’s salary. J. Bradstreet seconded the motion and all were in favor. Secretary will forward this information to T. Matheny.

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CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 10/28/13 agenda.

OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS: No comments received.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None present.

ADJOURN: 8:05 PM Motion for adjournment was received from T. Robbi and S. Grace 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		