

MINUTES
East Amwell Township Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
March 24, 2014
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The March 24, 2014 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by D. Kellogg at 7:37 p.m. 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 December 19, 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 on March 18, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: T. Robbi, D. Kellogg, D. Sageser, E. Johanson
M. Prendamano (Secretary)

ABSENT: S. Grace, J. Fredericks, J. Bradstreet, J. Angelone, B. Hummel

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: February 24, 2014

The minutes of the February 24, 2014 Business Meeting were presented for approval. T. Robbi motioned for minutes to be approved with a second from D. Sageser, minutes were approved by all with one abstention from E. Johanson.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: None present

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: None

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS: No additions to tonight's agenda.

REPORTS:

- a. **Planning Board –D. Sageser stated that there was no further discussion of the keeping of animals at the last meeting. The Ringoes Village Study was discussed. There were some residents present at the last meeting. D. Wang Iverson is chairing this committee. A survey has been prepared and will be available in the VIP. It will also be hand delivered to businesses in the area. Some residents did express concern about strip malls and big businesses coming into the town.**

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They were assured that this is not the mission of the study. This study is an opportunity to factor in the concerns of the residents. Some of the things discussed were tax abatements for improvements.

- b. Township Committee – D. Sageser the biggest issue right now is finding a CFO. There have been eight applicants. There will be a special meeting Thursday night to discuss the applicants.**
- c. Recycling Committee – E. Johanson reported that the Committee is working on collaborating with the 4H Committee in an effort to ensure recycling at the Fairgrounds. D. Kellogg brought up recycling at the baseball fields. E. Johanson stated that there are blue bins which are emptied by the Committee members.**
- d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – T. Robbi noted that the Committee focused on Green Fest which will be discussed later on this evening. Also, there is a parcel of land which may be donated to the Town. It would have to be appraised and surveyed. There is a utility easement on the property.**
- e. Site Review Committee – T. Robbi reported that the farm on Linvale has not been inspected due to snow cover. A visit will be scheduled with E. Johanson and/or J. Frederick. The zoning board has not yet completed their inspection either.**
- f. Public Outreach/4H – D. Kellogg noted that the township well water testing will be submitted June 4th. D. Kellogg will have generalized results from the previous testing and will hand out information at Green Fest. Test kits will be available to residents early to mid May.**
- g. Conservation Easements – J. Bradstreet is absent.**

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Roadside Clean-Up – Scheduled for April 12, 2014.**
- b. **Plant Exchange – Nothing new to report**
- c. **Green Fest – T. Robbi stated that the Environmental Commission is a co-sponsor of Green Fest. M. Prendamano will attend the meeting at the school with G. Robbi. Volunteers are needed for set up. D. Wang Iverson will meet with Mr. Schuler from the school to set up the projector. Shoprite will be donating refreshments to the event. Flyers need to be distributed. E. Johanson volunteered to hand out flyers at the depot which is going on simultaneously. T. Robbi mentioned that they have a door prize. M. Prendamano will get tickets to distribute and draft a donation letter to Rutgers and Sweet Valley for additional donations. The tickets will also enable the Committee to get a head count. The Commission will try to gather pictures of preserved properties, birds and/or maps for the video display and send them to T. Robbi. D. Kellogg offered to bring a laptop to the event.**

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Goals – E. Johanson made a motion to approve the 2014 Goals. T. Robbi seconded. All members were in favor of approving the 2014 Goals.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None present.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 3/24/14 agenda.

ADJOURN: 8:41 PM Motion for adjournment was received from T. Robbi and E. Johanson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Maria Prendamano, 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

