

MINUTES
East Amwell Township Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
June 23, 2014
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The June 23, 2014 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by E. Johanson at 7:35 p.m. In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, E. Johanson 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 June 18, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: D. Kellogg, D. Sageser, E. Johanson, J. Angelone, M. Prendamano (Secretary), J. Frederick

ABSENT: T. Robbi, J. Bradstreet, B. Hummel,

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: May 28, 2014

The minutes of the May 28, 2014 Business Meeting were presented for approval by E. Johanson with two corrections. J. Fredericks to J. Frederick and abstentions to abstention. Motion seconded by D. Kellogg. All members were unanimously in favor of approval of May 28th minutes with two abstentions from J. Frederick and J. Angelone.

INVOICES: None

OPEN TO PUBLIC: None present

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

REPORTS:

- a. **Planning Board – D. Sageser reported that the planner's interpretation of the affordable housing requirements has been released. The proposed rules were published. There will be a final public hearing in September. There is a discrepancy in the number of houses counted in East Amwell.**
- b. **Township Committee – D. Sageser reported that the Committee introduced a budget for the year and there will be no increase in taxes. There will be more discussion with regard to the capital budget. Road repairs were considered. There will be a special meeting Monday to make minor adjustments to the budget.**

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- c. **Recycling Committee-** E. Johanson discussed the committee's intention to find a market for Styrofoam. Committee members have been unable to track down a representative of Princeton Molding. The committee has been exploring the idea of applying for federal grants. D. Sageser noted that he knew of a company called Fypon that manufactures Styrofoam moldings. S. Katz prepared and distributed flyers at Hunterdon County Community Day. The committee sent a letter to the County Freeholders with regard to recycling procedures at the County Fairgrounds. E. Johanson observed ample containers at Community Day.
- d. **Farmland/Open Space Preservation –** T. Robbi not present. See attached email from T. Robbi.
- e. **Site Review Committee –** T. Robbi not present. See attached email from T. Robbi.
- f. **Public Outreach/4H Fair –** D. Kellogg will submit the application for the 4H Fair. There is an exhibitor's insurance schedule attached. D. Kellogg will look into this portion of the application. We have not done this before and she is uncertain as to whether or not we need to do this. She will begin her outreach this month and get sign-ups for different time slots. The fair will be August 20th-24th.
- g. **Conservation Easements –** J. Bradstreet was not present. A discussion ensued with regard to the letters sent out to residents. E. Johanson suggested that the Commission create a simple plan for residents with easements in an effort to educate them on how to maintain the easements on their property. D. Sageser stated that it would be helpful to have something for realtors to give to potential purchasers. He believes this may have been done in the past. D. Kellogg stated that each property has very different attributes. She also mentioned that there are programs through the State that will replace trees and plantings to damaged areas at no cost to residents with conservation easements. She also suggested that reports be submitted to the Commission members once inspections are done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

D. Kellogg asked D. Sageser for an update on the Ringoes Village Study. D. Sageser reported that they have had 60 responses to the survey. The Committee will review suggestions over the summer and conduct a public session in September. The Township has very little authority over the roads. The County and State standards have changed since the roads in Ringoes were completed. The State's

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Complete Streets Program is designed to make a street more neighborhood friendly. The intersection in Ringoes actually violates current State standards. There was discussion about tax abatements and a health and safety maintenance code that would address vacant buildings and open foundations.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None present.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 6/23/14 agenda.

OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS:

ADJOURN: 8:14 PM Motion for adjournment was received from D. Kellogg and J. Angelone 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