

**MINUTES**  
**East Amwell Township Environmental Commission**  
**Business Meeting**  
**September 22, 2014**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The September 22, 2014 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by E. Johanson at 7:31 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 September 15, 2014.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** B. Hummel, J. Bradstreet, D. Schleifer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The minutes of the August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Business Meeting were presented for approval by E. Johanson. T. Robbi made a motion to approve. D. Kellogg seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approval with two abstentions from J. Angelone and D. Sageser.

**INVOICES:** An invoice was presented by E. Johanson for \$199.90 from Amazon.com for glow stick prizes for the 4H Fair. T. Robbi made a motion to approve the invoice with a second from D. Kellogg. All members were unanimously in favor of approving the invoice. D. Kellogg noted that there are about 70 glow necklaces leftover for next year and that they are in the basement.

**LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS:** None

**REPORTS:**

- a. **Planning Board –** D. Sageser reported that there was a subdivision for the Plimpton property. He reported that a resident complained that they were taking a \$10,000 property off of the tax roll. This is not the case because the house has been subdivided separately from the already preserved land. The Ringoes Village Study has not made a report yet. They are scheduled to meet in October.
- b. **Township Committee –** D. Sageser reported that a Resolution was passed to support the initiative that is on the ballot to dedicate the existing

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corporate tax to support Open Space and environmental issues. Also, they appointed an ad hoc, bipartisan committee to meet with the library board in order to pursue bringing the library back to Ringoes. They are interested in coming back to town. The Township Committee suggested that if the County completes South County Park, the municipal fields can then be utilized as a site for a future library. The proposed library will be comparable to the Clinton branch.

- c. **Recycling Committee-** M. Prendamano reported the grit yard is now open and there is mulch available to residents. Brush collection will be ongoing this month. There is a paper shredding event on November 1 at the County Complex. The youth members asked the committee to purchase a recycling logo stencil that they could borrow to label receptacles at the school and athletic fields. The collected Styrofoam will be delivered this month to Bristol, P.A. for recycling.
  
- d. **Farmland/Open Space Preservation –** T. Robbi reported that FOSPC did not meet. The Hay farm on Wertsville closed. There is a farm in the western section of town that may be a State direct purchase. The FOSPC committee was recognized by D&R Greenway at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
  
- e. **Site Review Committee –** There is nothing new to report.
  
- f. **Public Outreach/4H Fair –** D. Kellogg thanked everyone that volunteered at the 4H Fair. She felt it was a great success. The bean bag toss was much more manageable than the wheel but a lot less visible. E. Johanson would like to see the wheel come back next year. The Commission would need access to a truck or trailer to deliver it. She will also be contacting Ms. Ernst from the Environmental Club at school for some fresh new questions for next year.
  
- g. **Conservation Easements –** M. Prendamano reported that she received a list from J. Bradstreet with the names of residents that should receive a letter from the Conservation Easement Committee. He questioned specifically who should sign the letter. J. Angelone stated that his name can be on it. M. Prendamano will see if J. Bradstreet has a digital copy of the letter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Public Movie Showing “The Sourlands” by Jared Flesher – M. Prendamano reported that she has called the Hunterdon County Library to see if they would host the movie in an effort to save the licensing fee. The Committee felt that the venue would be too far for residents of East Amwell. J. Angelone reported that he has one free public movie showing as part of his donation. He would be willing to use this for the Commission. The Committee discussed possible venues and decided that the school would be best. D. Kellogg suggested that the fourth graders be invited as the movie ties into their curriculum. M. Prendamano will check the availability at the school for November 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> and make a flyer to distribute. D. Kellogg will donate her popcorn machine to use and M. Prendamano will invite the Girl Scouts to conduct a bake sale.**
  
- b. **Eagle Scout Project Omick Woods – Ryan Mundy was not available to come to this meeting. T. Robbi feels that he will need to revise his plan. Mr. Mundy assumed that D&R would supply his materials for a kiosk. T. Robbi spoke to D&R and they will supply the signage, but not the material for building it. Mr. Mundy will need to find another outlet for his materials.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No members of the public present.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence was listed on the 9/22/14 agenda.

**OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS:** E. Johanson took a moment to discuss the PennEast pipelines that are proposed for our area. She believes there are six of them for this area. She has been attending some meetings for more information about this issue. The gas in the pipelines will provide no benefit to area residents. She will keep the Commission aware of any developments. The goal is to keep Township’s in the area united in opposition. J. Angelone reported that there is a meeting in Sergeantsville at the firehouse on October 29<sup>th</sup> and another on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall in Holland Township. E. Johanson reported that the pipelines will be crossing the Delaware from P.A. into N.J.

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**ADJOURN: 8:24 PM**      **Motion for adjournment was received from D. Kellogg and seconded by J. Angelone. All members were in favor of adjournment.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Maria Prendamano, Secretary**

<b>cc: Env. Com. Members</b>	<b>Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>Board of Health</b>
<b>Twp. Com. &amp; Clerk</b>	<b>Democrat Newspaper</b>	<b>Recreation Com.</b>
<b>Twp. Bulletin Brd.</b>	<b>Trenton Times</b>	<b>Recycling Com.</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>Associate Members</b>	<b>Agric. Adv. Com.</b>
<b>Farmland &amp; Open Space Preservation</b>		