

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee came to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski, Deputy Mayor Patricia Cregar, and Committee members Linda Lenox and Dart Sageser. Committee member Tim Mathews was absent.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, a copy of notice of this meeting was filed in the Clerk's Office, posted on the bulletin board, and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton, and Star Ledger on January 6, 2012. The purpose of this meeting is to interview possible candidates for boards/committees.

The public is invited to attend and comment. Action may or may not be taken.

Gail Skupien, Mountain Road, was interviewed for the Mayor's Designee position (one year) on the Planning Board. Chair Don Reilly was also present for this interview. Ms. Skupien moved here with her husband, Joe, in 1998, loves the quality of the Township, and moved from Montgomery Township, which was over developing. She has worked with Princeton Hydro since 2001 as their Business Administrator, gleaned significant information on what they do. She is interested in serving on the Planning Board to help to protect the environment and keep the character of the Township. She has never served on a board before.

Mayor Kneski spoke about the Master Plan to protect the goals, asking what Ms. Skupien's vision would be for 5 - 10 years. Ms. Skupien would like to see some work in the Ringoes Village, i.e., repairing sidewalks and cleaning up the area for the benefit of the residents. She was looking forward to serving and learning more.

A question was raised about her association with Princeton Hydro and any work that her husband is doing in East Amwell. Neither firm has done any work in the Township for a few years. Mr. Reilly asked if Ms. Skupien was aware of any court issues with the Amwell Valley Zone or the Sourland District; she was not.

Mayor Kneski explained that it was a one-year appointment and invited Ms. Skupien to stay for the regular meeting when an appointment would be made.

Mr. Sageser asked if Ms. Skupien if she would be interested in serving on the Recreation Committee. An explanation of the committee's responsibilities was outlined; however, she was not interested in serving on that board.

Pamela McGovern, Back Brook Road, was interested in Recycling and Historic Preservation Committees. Recycling Chair Will Harrison and Historic Preservation Member Barbara Sageser were present during this interview.

Ms. McGovern moved to the Township in July and expressed great joy in living in this community. She wanted to contribute and to learn more about the municipality. Ms. McGovern provided information on her resume, e.g., BA in History, worked in Westfield at the Miller-Cory House, currently a sales rep for All Clad Industries, working part time and usually in the area, etc. She would like to help with Clawson House.

Ms. McGovern spoke about her interest in recycling too. She is familiar with Sustainable NJ and is an avid recycler. She also spoke about her interest in serving with charitable organizations.

Mr. Harrison asked to provide a synopsis of recycling in the township and in the county, outlining the work of the current committee, e.g., overseeing recycling at the fairgrounds, monthly depots, the annual roadside and clean up days, etc. The meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month.

Ms. Sageser spoke about "lots of history" in the Township, noting 170 houses on the 1970 County census of historic homes. She also mentioned the Quick Collection being digitalized, work on the Clawson House, working on historic items with the Planning Board, including protections in relationship to the solar ordinance, the Historic Society, which is organizing bus, barn, and walking tours, etc.

Ms. McGovern expressed her interest in both committees. She was also told that the Historic Preservation Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday, and she would have no problem attending them.

There being no further business, motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk