

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
January 13, 2020**

The Tewksbury Township Environmental Commission met at a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Mario Colitti, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie, Geoffrey Connor, Tim Dempsey and Michael Schlaefel, Alt. #2

Absent: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Glenn Likus and Hope Kaufman, Alt. #1

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Bruce Mackie announced that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Municipal Building bulletin board, mailing a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and filing with the municipal clerk, all on December 19, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

OATHS OF OFFICE/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Connor, Mr. Colitti, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Schlaefel read and signed their oaths of office and all signed their conflict of interest forms.

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution No. 20-01 – Annual Meeting Dates

Mr. Connor made a motion to adopt the following resolution. Ms. Ace seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
RESOLUTION NO. 20-01**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to the press and other interested persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Environmental Commission of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The schedule of regular meetings of the Environmental Commission for 2020 is hereby approved.

2. The Land Use Administrator is designated as the person responsible for the distribution of the following list of regular meetings and those other than regular meetings to those persons and newspapers that request same.

January 13	July 13
February 10	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 19
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

3. The Land Use Administrator is also designated as the person responsible for posting the list of regular meetings and notice of any other meetings on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing same in the Municipal Office.
4. The Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under this Act, as it is determined that these are newspapers which would fulfill the requirements of the Act.
5. Requests for notice made by interested persons and news media shall be granted without cost.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Those in Favor: Mr. Colitti, Ms. Ace, Mr. Connor, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Schlaefer

Those Opposed: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mackie opened the meeting up to the public. There being no public participation, he closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

- October 21, 2019

The minutes of October 21, 2019 were approved by motion of Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Mackie. All were in favor. Mr. Colitti and Ms. Ace abstained.

- November 18, 2019

The minutes of November 18, 2019 were approved by motion of Mr. Connor and seconded by Mr. Mackie. Ms. Ace and Mr. Schlaefer abstained.

- December 9, 2019

With a correction to the year, the minutes of December 9, 2019 were approved by motion of Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Connor. All were in favor. Ms. Ace and Mr. Schlaefer abstained

CLAIM

Ms. Ace made a motion to approve the claim for \$400 to pay the ANJEC membership dues. Mr. Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- 2020 ANJEC Membership Dues - \$400 (*this includes \$350 for 7 members plus \$50 for 2 additional members.*)

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mr. Mackie, Mr. Colitti, Mr. Connor, Ms. Ace, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Schlaefer

Those Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Land Use Board reorganized last week and the same professionals were retained. A sub-committee was formed to explore a property maintenance ordinance. When asked what the motivating factor was, Mr. Mackie explained that there are a few properties in Tewksbury in a state of disrepair. He noted that a draft was created by the LUB a few years ago and forwarded to the Township Committee but there was no interest in adopting it at that time.

- Stormwater Management Review

Nothing new to report.

- Signage/cameras at the Route 78 Park and Ride and review of litter ordinances

Discussion ensued regarding the erection of “No Littering” signs and the process that must be followed. It was the consensus of the Commission to ask the Township Committee to erect multiple signs, following the proper procedures (consent from the property owner, etc.).

➤ Spotted Lanternfly

There was nothing new to report.

➤ Annual Stream Cleanup

Mr. Colitti offered to send an article to the Times of Tewksbury about the Raritan Headwaters Annual Stream Cleanup scheduled for April 18, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Route 78 Park and Ride.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Ace made a motion acknowledging receipt of the following items of correspondence. Mr. Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- a) Notice of Application to NJDEP dated December 17, 2019 for 37 Fairmount Road West, Block 5, Lot 9 to replace an existing malfunctioning septic system.
- b) Notice of Application to NJDEP dated December 28, 2019 for 93 Frog Hollow Road, Block 6.04, Lot 37.04 (Tewksbury Twp.) to remove sediment and debris from a regulated water (dredging of man-made pond).
- c) Notice of Multi-permit application to NJDEP dated December 2019 by JCP&L for vegetative maintenance, utility infrastructure maintenance, repair and replacement activities.
- d) A letter dated January 10, 2020 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 19-17, Block 51, Lot 91, George Wetteland.

Discussion ensued about reminding residents to pump their septic tanks and Mr. Colitti offered to send an article to the Times of Tewksbury.

Discussion ensued regarding item d) above. The Commission reviewed the plans and the concerns voiced involved erosion and disturbance to critical slopes. It was noted that the plan did not show sidewalks and other standard features of a home that will impact the impervious coverage. The Commission also requested that the plan show a breakdown of the coverage on the lot, the trees to be removed, septic plan and perc test results.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Ace made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator