

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
September 12, 2011**

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 7:35 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Bruce Mackie, Mario Colitti, Tom Schroth, Matt Grobert, Glenn Likus and Mary Ace arrived at 7:52.

Absent: Joe Weber and Robert Hoffman.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

It was 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 January 11, 2011.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chairman Teasdale opened the meeting up to the public. There being no one in the audience, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of July 11, 2011 were approved by motion of Mr. Mackie and seconded by Matt Grobert with some grammatical corrections on page 2. All were in favor.

The minutes of August 8, 2011 were approved by motion of Mr. Mackie and seconded by Mr. Schroth with a correction on page 3. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Schroth made a motion acknowledging receipt of the following items of correspondence. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- a. A copy of a letter dated August 10, 2011 from the NJDEP to Margit Lauezzari re: Block 31, Lot 25 Highlands Act – Exempt Water Quality Management Plan – Consistent.
- b. A copy of a letter dated September 1, 2011 from the NJDEP to PSE&G re: Highlands Act – Exempt Water Quality Management Plan – Not Addressed.
- c. A letter dated August 23, 2011 from Shana Goodchild to the Environmental Commission re: Vliettown Farm, Appl. No. 11-14, Block 43, Lot 3.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Update on E.C. Liaisons to other Boards/Committees (eg. Forest Advisory Board, Pascale Advisory Committee and Land Use Board)

Forestry Advisory Board – Mr. Schroth explained that the Township provides the FAB with a small budget partly for members to attend the annual shade tree conference and in lieu of that the FAB typically organizes local workshops, the last two (2) years have been topics on pruning and invasives. This year’s workshop will address birds and their habitat to be led by a representative of the Audubon Society; the date will be announced. When Mr. Teasdale asked if it would meet the CEU requirements, Mr. Schroth responded in the positive.

Pascale Advisory Committee – Mr. Teasdale noted that he developed a summer camp scenario where kids (7<sup>th</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade) would learn about as well as work to remove invasive species, improve trails, etc.

Land Use Board – Mr. Mackie noted that the Board finalized the Wood application and the variance was approved by a 6 to 3 vote with conditions requiring screening and removal of the gravel driveway. When asked about the next Johnson helistop hearing, Mr. Mackie reported that the hearing is scheduled for September 21, 2011 at the Tewksbury Elementary School; the applicant’s sound expert is scheduled to testify.

Ms. Ace arrived at this time.

➤ Update on Community Well Test Program

Mr. Teasdale noted that the kits are available for sale at the Township Municipal offices and the return dates are October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mr. Mackie and Mr. Grobert offered to help with the drop off dates. Mr. Likus agreed to check his availability and e-mail Mr. Teasdale.

➤ Vlietown Farm, Appl. No. 11-14, Block 43, Lot 3.

Mr. Teasdale read into the record the application summary prepared by Ms. Goodchild. Mr. Teasdale noted that the Land Use Board would likely conduct a site walk of the property after the first public hearing; the public hearing for the application is scheduled for October 5, 2011. The Commission reviewed the plans and documents submitted. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of future homes on the existing viewshed. Mr. Teasdale suggested that two (2) Commission members review the plans and prepare a comment letter. Mr. Colitti and Mr. Schroth volunteered to review the submission and forward a draft memo prior to finalizing the memo by the September 30, 2011 submission deadline.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schroth made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator