

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 13, 2012**

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 7:31 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Robert Hoffman (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Glenn Likus (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Tom Schroth, Matt Grobert, Bruce Mackie and Mario Colitti

Absent: Mary Ace and Joe Weber

**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 10, 2012.

**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 December 12, 2011 were approved with some minor typos by motion of Mr. Schroth and seconded by Mr. Mackie. All were in favor.

The minutes of January 9, 2012 were approved by motion of Mr. Grobert and seconded by Mr. Mackie with some minor typos and the clarification by Mr. Grobert below. All were in favor.

Mr. Grobert clarified the third paragraph on page two (2) noting that he wanted to know if the Environmental Commissions recommendations on applications were being considered by the Land Use Board

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Mr. Teasdale noted that JCP&L recently began flagging trees for removal in response to the October 2011 snowstorm that eliminated power for a week. He explained that shortly after the October storm the Township Committee took action by approving a resolution encouraging JCP&L to trim the trees to avoid power outages and JCP&L took that as a clear cutting directive. Mr. Teasdale noted that Mayor Desiderio has been involved by educating herself on JCP&L's process and Wilma Frey and George Cassa have been active in asking questions. He opined that it will be on the next Township Committee agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) A letter dated December 22, 2011 from the Township of Readington to Chris Teasdale re: Hatch Mott & MacDonald Project #262536AA01 LOI-Transition Waiver for Linear Development on Block 46, Lots 5, 6, & 2.01.
- b) ANJEC Sustainable Land Use Planning Grant Programs.
- c) A letter dated January 3, 2012 from the County Department of Parks and Recreation re: Twelfth Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 21, 2012.
- d) A letter dated February 1, 2012 from Robert Horton re: Stream Bank Study.
- e) A letter dated February 9, 2012 from Robert Horton re: photographs and work sheets for two (2) locations of the Rockaway Creek.
- f) A letter dated February 7, 2012 from Shana Goodchild re: Caracciolo, Appl. No. 12-02, Block 41, Lot 1.

Related to item a) above, Mr. Teasdale asked if Ms. Goodchild would provide the Board with the copy of the LOI on file with the Township Clerk.

Related to item d) above, Mr. Teasdale noted Ms. Ace had an action item from the January meeting to talk to the Hunterdon County Resource Conservation District staff regarding Mr. Horton's inquiry about project assistance for stream bank restoration. She placed some initial calls and will continue to research the issue. Mr. Teasdale agreed to talk to Cindy Ehrenclou at the Raritan Headwaters Association regarding stream bank restoration and the availability of funds and volunteer opportunities. Mr. Teasdale will write a letter to Mr. Horton acknowledging his work.

Related to item f), a brief discussion ensued regarding existing water problems in Oldwick. It was noted by Mr. Likus that drywells are proposed which would alleviate any water issues. The Commission suggested that Mr. Mackie recommend at the meeting that the applicant be required to mitigate the coverage down to the 15% coverage permitted for the district through the use of drywells. If the Land Use Board encourages the applicant to remove some existing coverage, members of the Environmental Commission are supportive of that condition.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

### Forestry Advisory Board

Mr. Schroth noted that Mrs. Murphy was not reappointed to the FAB however after some push back from the members she was appointed by the Mayor.

### Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie had no new updates as there was no meeting on February 1, 2012. Mr. Mackie noted that the opposition to the Johnson helistop will be heard at the March 7, 2012 hearing; March 21, 2012 is reserved for comments and will be held at the Tewksbury Elementary School.

- Highlands ERI – Motion to approve the ERI and refer to it to the Land Use Board (per e-mail from Highlands staff)

Mr. Teasdale gave a brief history of the Township ERI and the Highlands ERI and explained that the Environmental Commission needs to approve the Highlands ERI to keep the process moving.

A motion was made by Mr. Teasdale and seconded by Mr. Schroth acknowledging that the Highlands ERI as edited is not inconsistent with the Township ERI and meets with the Environmental Commissions approval as an official ERI reflecting the Highlands view of local resources. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Colitti, Mr. Likus, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Grobert, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Teasdale

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Schroth seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild