

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
August 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 7:38 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Bruce Mackie, Mario Colitti, Mary Ace, Joe Weber, Tom Schroth and Matt Grobert

Absent: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Robert Hoffman and Glenn Likus

**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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Per the Commission discussion at the April 9, 2012 meeting the pledge of allegiance was not recited by the Commission members.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of June 11, 2012 were approved by motion of Ms. Ace and seconded by Mr. Weber. All were in favor. Mr. Colitti abstained.

The minutes of July 9, 2012 were approved by motion of Ms. Ace and seconded by Mr. Mackie. All were in favor. Mr. Weber, Mr. Schroth and Mr. Grobert abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) Notice dated July 24, 2012 from Raritan NJDEP providing notice that the Department has granted an adjudicatory hearing request made by the Bellemead Development Corporation on the Department's revocation of NJPDES permit NJ0102563 dated December 5, 2006.
- b) A letter dated July 11, 2012 from Raritan Headwaters Assoc. re: 2012 membership renewal.

- c) A letter dated August 1, 2012 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 11-10, Stavola Quarries, Block 44, Lot 24.

Mr. Mackie noted that the Stavola Quarry hearing was postponed to September 5, 2012 due to insufficient notice. The Commission reviewed the plans and application material. Mr. Mackie explained that the lots are proposed to be subdivided consistent with the three (3) zoning districts (Highlands, Piedmont and Mining) that the property is divided by; the lots are proposed for tax planning purposes (no development at this time). Ms. Ace opined that Stavola wants the ability to access the quarry from County Route 523. Mr. Weber opined that there is no environmental impact because there is no development proposed at this time. The Commission agreed with Mr. Weber and had no comments at this time. Mr. Mackie agreed to convey at the hearing that the Environmental Commission had no strong opinion at the present time. Ms. Ace asked that it be noted that the Commission has concern about the long term integrity and protection of the Rockaway Creek and with future development.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Land Use Board – Mr. Mackie noted that the majority of the last Land Use Board meeting was spent discussing Tewksbury Fine Wines. They requested two (2) changes to conditions that were in their original approval. The first was a request for a sandwich board sign for temporary events. The second request was the color of the exterior of the building; the applicant requested the ability to paint the exterior of the building a color of her choosing. The Board approved both the signage and the ability to paint the exterior the color of her choosing.

Pascale Advisory Committee – due to Mr. Teasdale’s absence no report was provided.

Forestry Advisory Board – Mr. Schroth had nothing new to report.

- Community Well Testing Dates

Mr. Mackie noted that the notice was sent to the Times of Tewksbury last week for publication in the September issue. The return dates will be in October. There will be a slight increase in cost to some of the analysis.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Weber made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild