

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
December 9, 2013**

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, Mario Colitti, Mary Ace arrived at 7:38 p.m., Bruce Mackie, Glenn Likus and Glenn Stein, Alt. #1.

Absent: Robert Hoffman, Joe Weber and Matt Grobert, Alt. #2.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Chris Teasdale 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 15, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. 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

➤ November 18, 2013

Mr. Mackie made a motion to approve the November 18, 2013 minutes with amendments. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Stein abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated November 20, 2013 from Angela Gorczyca at Raritan Headwaters Association re: financial support and volunteers for the 24th Watershed-wide Annual Stream Clean-up.

Mr. Teasdale noted that in the past the Environmental Commission provided funding to South Branch Watershed Association, the predecessor organization to the Raritan Headwaters Assoc. and opined that there was precedent to continue the financial support.

Mr. Colitti made a motion to support Raritan Headwaters Association in the amount of the most recent contribution (the Commission was unsure of the amount of the annual membership). Mr. Likus seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Those in Favor: Mr. Colitti, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Likus, Mr. Stein, Ms. Ace and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported on the Land Use Board's brief meeting the prior week to hire its own Radio Frequency Engineer to review the Cellco Partnership cell tower application proposed in Oldwick. When asked, Mr. Mackie indicated that the next public hearing is scheduled for December 18, 2013 at which time the applicant's architect will continue his testimony. When asked what services the Land Use Board's RF Engineer will provide, Mr. Mackie explained that he will review the applicant's RF Engineer's report and report back to the Board with his findings.

Mr. Mackie also reported on the Johnson Helistop and noted that the Friends of the Cold Brook Historic District were present at the last Land Use Board meeting at which time they asked if the Board would send a letter of support to the Township Committee asking them to join in, at no cost to the Township, the fight against the helistop.

➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale noted that since the last Commission meeting Ms. Goodchild reported that the Township Administrator is supportive of the use of pesticides and money for the application of the pesticides for both the Pascale and Whittemore ponds has been encumbered.

Mr. Teasdale explained that he is finalizing his report to ANJEC so that the Township can receive final payment for the water chestnut eradication grant. As part of the final reporting he submitted a letter to the Times of Tewksbury thanking the volunteers that helped. Mr. Teasdale also explained that he edited the i-movie he prepared to include the feedback from the November Commission meeting. The edits include an introduction so that it is easier to understand. Mr. Teasdale played the i-movie for the Commission members present and those in attendance opined that the introduction was well done and helped the viewer to understand the project. The Commission thanked Mr. Teasdale for all his hard work on the project. Mr. Teasdale agreed to make a few adjustments and send the final report, including the i-movie, to ANJEC along with a copy to Ms. Goodchild for the Township records.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Mr. Stein seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild