

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
May 13, 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 7:37 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mario Colitti, Glenn Likus, Robert Hoffman, Glenn Stein, Alt. #1 and Matt Grobert, Alt. #2

Absent: Bruce Mackie, Joe Weber and Mary Ace

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Chairman 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.

Mr. Teasdale noted the following:

"This past weekend, I attended a viewing for Tom Kenyon, who passed away recently. Tom was a former mayor of the town, member of numerous boards, and a true public servant of this town. I had the pleasure of speaking with Tom's daughter, and I told her that in addition to the incredible service that Tom rendered, he was a true visionary. Tom saw clearly what was required in redoing the Master Plan in the early 2000s, and he singularly drove the town with a clear vision of what was required to protect the nature and lifestyle of the town that he cared so deeply about. I mentioned that I had walked that morning in the Hell Mountain Preserve and that without Tom's involvement and friendship with the owners and knowledge of local politics, that property would probably not have been preserved. It was also my recollection that Tom actually recruited me to serve on the Environmental Commission after I showed up at a meeting. He will be truly missed."

MINUTES

➤ April 8, 2013

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to approve the April 8, 2013 minutes. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Colitti abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated May 8, 2013 from Robert L. Horton to the Environmental Commission re: stream bank restoration, Block 49, Lot 8.
- b) ANJEC Report, Spring 2013.
- c) A letter dated April 2, 2013 from ANJEC re: copies of The Environmental Resource Inventory: ERI resource paper.
- d) 2013 Open Space Stewardship Project Grant Award Offer/Notification from the ANJEC dated May 2, 2013.

The Commission agreed to forward the letter and information from Robert Horton to Readington Township.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnut Harvesting (ANJEC Grant)

Mr. Teasdale noted that the Environmental Commission was awarded a grant from the ANJEC for the eradication of the water chestnuts at the Pascale Farm Park. He noted that the Truxor from Princeton Hydro is scheduled for July 10, 2013. Mr. Likus noted that he would be out of town for the week but could line up tractors and trucks to transport the debris when he returns. The Commission also discussed how to get scouts and others involved in the July 10th harvest.

- Bear Sitings

Those present discussed many recent bear sitings in the Township. Mr. Likus shared a story of a bear in a tree near the Oldwick Animal Hospital and Mr. Teasdale's bee hives were damaged.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Grobert made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild