

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
January 13, 2014**

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 7:40 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mario Colitti, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie, Glenn Stein and Matt Grobert, Alt. #1.

Absent: Glenn Likus and Robert Hoffman.

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 December 16, 2013.

Those members that were re-appointed read and signed their Oaths of Office. Discussion ensued regarding the membership of the Board and how members move from Alternate to regular members.

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

- December 9, 2013

Mr. Colitti made a motion to approve the December 9, 2013 minutes with amendments. Ms. Ace seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Grobert abstained.

CLAIM

- 2013 ANJEC Membership Dues - \$340 (*this includes \$290 for 7 members plus \$50 for 2 additional members. If you choose the Workshop plan please approve a claim in the amount of \$400 – you did not choose the workshop plan in 2013.*)

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to approve the claim to pay the membership dues excluding the workshop plan. Ms. Ace seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Those Opposed: None

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A copy of a letter from ANJEC to Mayor Louis DiMare re: final payment of ANJEC’s Open Space Stewardship Grant for the Pascale Pond Water Chestnut Removal Project.
- b) ANJEC report Winter 2014.

Mr. Teasdale noted that Ms. Goodchild confirmed that the Township has committed to tackling the water chestnut issue with herbicides for the next few years. Mr. Teasdale opined that the Commission’s role should be to monitor and document the process. When asked when the first application of herbicide will be, Mr. Teasdale explained that it will be spring but he is unsure of the exact date.

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution No. 14-01 – Annual Meeting Dates

Ms. Ace made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
RESOLUTION NO. 14-01**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to the press and other interested persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Environmental Commission of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The schedule of regular meetings of the Environmental Commission for 2014 is hereby approved.
2. The Land Use Administrator is designated as the person responsible for the distribution of the following list of regular meetings and those other than regular meetings to those persons and newspapers that request same.

January 13
February 10

July 14
August 11

March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9

September 8
October 20
November 10
December 8

3. The Land Use Administrator is also designated as the person responsible for posting the list of regular meetings and notice of any other meetings on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing same in the Municipal Office.
4. The Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under this Act, as it is determined that these are newspapers which would fulfill the requirements of the Act.
5. Requests for notice made by interested persons and news media shall be granted without cost.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Those Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Land Use Board re-organized last week. He announced that the cell tower hearing has been postponed until February 5, 2014 as the applicant did not have enough time to update the plans and reports.

Mr. Mackie noted that there was an informal discussion by the Oldwick General Store regarding the vacant office on the second floor; there may be a future application to request a change from an office to an apartment.

➤ Miscellaneous

Noting that the Commission did a great job with getting a handle on the water chestnut issue, Mr. Teasdale asked the members if there were any other projects or concerns for the Commission to discuss or look into during 2014.

Discussion ensued regarding the data from the annual water test results. Mr. Mackie noted that the watershed is working on a database and agreed to check on the status.

Mr. Colitti noted that lead in the water at the Old Turnpike School has been a problem for years and the school children can't even drink the water in the fountains. Mr. Mackie opined that it was the pipes and not a well issue. Mr. Colitti questioned why the Commission was never involved in that issue. Mr. Teasdale speculated that the Township has always tried to keep out of the schools business and leave it to the Board of Education. Conversely, Mr. Colitti noted that the well water at the Tewksbury Elementary School is some of the best water he's tasted.

Mr. Teasdale indicated that he plans to show the Township Committee the i-movie at an upcoming Township Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Stein seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild