

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
January 12, 2015**

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 7:39 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Bruce Mackie, Matt Grobert, Mary Ace arrived at 7:42, Glenn Likus and Geoffrey Connor, Alt. #1.

Absent: Robert Hoffman and Mario Colitti

Oaths of Office were administered to Mary Ace, Glenn Likus and Christopher Teasdale.

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 December 11, 2014.

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 that he spoke to Mayor Voyce regarding Commission activities for 2015. Mr. Teasdale communicated to the Mayor the Commission's appreciation for the herbicide funding in order to treat the water chestnut infestation at the Pascale Farm Park ponds. Mr. Teasdale indicated that Mayor Voyce was in favor of the continued treatment to keep the invasives under control.

MINUTES

- December 8, 2014

The minutes of December 8, 2014 were approved by Mr. Mackie and seconded by Ms. Ace. All were in favor. Mr. Grobert and Mr. Connor 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 2014.*)

Ms. Ace made a motion to approve the claim for \$340 to pay the ANJEC membership dues excluding the workshop plan. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mr. Mackie, Mr. Grobert, Ms. Ace, Mr. Likus, Mr. Connor and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) Notice dated December 30, 2014 from Navneet and Reema Puri re: Highlands Applicability Determination Application for Block 32, Lot 7.08.

Mr. Mackie noted that most of the above referenced lot is encumbered by a conservation easement.

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution No. 15-01 – Annual Meeting Dates

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
RESOLUTION NO. 15-01**

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 2015 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 12

July 13

February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8

August 10
September 14
October 19
November 9
December 14

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: Ms. Ace, Mr. Likus, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Grobert, Mr. Connor and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Land Use Board reorganized last week and new member Glenn Stein was sworn in. The Board attorney gave a short lecture on ethics, recusals, etc. He noted that Cellco is scheduled to return in February to update the Board on the investigation into alternate sites.

Mr. Mackie reported on the formation of a Land Use Board sub-committee which has been assigned the job of researching Ridgeline Ordinances and noted that he and Glenn Stein volunteered along with a few other Land Use Board members. When asked what a Ridgeline Ordinance is, Mr. Mackie explained that it is an ordinance that will regulate and manage development along visible ridgelines. Mr. Mackie noted that the Environmental Commission did some research on this topic years ago and Ms. Goodchild is going to collect that information and provide it to the sub-committee for review.

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale noted that Mayor Voyce is in favor of continued herbicide treatment of the ponds to treat for the water chestnut invasives. When asked by Mr. Grobert if the upper pond flows into the lower pond, Mr. Teasdale responded in the negative.

Mr. Mackie noted that the Highlands Council is holding a meeting at the Oldwick Fire Company on January 14, 2015 to discuss the Highlands Regional Master Plan. Ms. Ace explained that she received an e-mail about the meeting and thought it was to discuss and prioritize issues. Discussion ensued regarding preservation and the current pre-highlands appraisal values. Ms. Ace suggested that the Commission be more involved with what is going on with the Highlands. Mr. Teasdale suggested having a speaker, such as Wilma Frey, come in to talk to the Commission about the Highlands which the other Commission members agreed.

In Mr. Colitti's absence, Mr. Teasdale noted that the Annual Stream cleanup will be held this year in April and the focus is on a section of the Raritan River in the Vernoy area of Tewksbury.

Mr. Teasdale noted that the Township Attorney, Michael Selvaggi, is having a volunteer orientation on January 28, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Mountainville to go over ethics, conduct at meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Ace made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator