

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
May 11, 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 7:33 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Bruce Mackie, Glenn Likus, Mario Colitti arrived at 7:47, Mary Ace and Geoffrey Connor, Alt. #1.

Absent: Matt Grobert and Robert Hoffman

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 13, 2015.

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

➤ April 13, 2015

The minutes of April 13, 2015 were approved by Ms. Ace and seconded by Mr. Connor with a minor correction to page two (2). All were in favor. Mr. Mackie and Mr. Likus abstained.

Ms. Ace questioned when the last Master Plan re-examination was approve to which Mr. Mackie opined 2012. The Commission wished to confirm that date and also how often a municipality needs to perform a reexamination of its Master Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated April 8, 2015 from NJDEP re: corrected HAD exemption letter for Uzzo, Block 6.04, Lot 8.
- b) A letter dated March 6, 2015 from NJDEP re: Puri pool, Block 32, Lot 7.08 exemption #3 consistency determination.
- c) 2015 Open Space Stewardship Project grant award notification from ANJEC dated April 24, 2015 re: water chestnut eradication phase II.

Referenced Item c above, Mr. Teasdale noted that Tewksbury was one of many applications to ANJEC for the grant program and after fielding some questions from ANJEC representatives the Township was awarded \$400 towards the eradication. Mr. Teasdale reminded the Commission that part of the grant involves speaking to the Tewksbury Elementary School children about the eradication process. Mr. Colitti will be contacting the Principal to set up a time for Mr. Teasdale to speak to the Science teachers to discuss a field trip to the pond with the kids and to show them the movie that was created last year.

Mr. Colitti arrived at this time and noted that he would speak to Principal Miller tomorrow morning about involving the Science teachers and school children in the grant project. Mr. Teasdale suggested doing it in the fall for third and/or fourth graders.

Mr. Teasdale noted that there was an article in the Times of Tewksbury from the Police about the fishing derby and the article contained a “thank you” to the Environmental Commission for the removal of the water chestnuts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported that the Puri application was heard at the most recent Land Use Board meeting noting that the lot is an odd configuration and is largely consumed by a conservation easement. The request for a pool and patio was approved.

Mr. Mackie noted that it was explained to the Land Use Board that the Township is in compliance with COAH but the future obligation is unknown.

Mr. Mackie noted that two (2) Senate bills were introduced that attempt to tweak the local site application plans for development. The Land Use Board authorized the Township to draft a letter in opposition of the bills.

Mr. Colitti updated everyone on the Annual Raritan Stream Clean-up that was held on April 18th along Vernoy Road. Commission members Colitti, Teasdale, Likus and Connor were present but unfortunately there weren't many volunteers from Tewksbury, most were from Lebanon Township and Califon Borough. The following material was pulled from the river or river bank: 8 to 10 old tires, a television, a metal cooler, etc. All debris was put into a 22 yard dumpster which was then hauled away. Most of the debris was recyclables and no hazardous waste was found. The Commission thanked Mr. Colitti for coordinating the cleanup efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Colitti made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator