

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
August 8, 2016**

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 7:45 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie, Glenn Likus, Matt Grobert and Rodney McCatharn, Alt. #1.

Absent: Geoffrey Connor and Mario Colitti

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 13, 2016.

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 with questions, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A letter dated August 4, 2016 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 16-07, Block 16, Lot 35, Certification of Non-conforming Use or Structure.

The Commission discussed the above referenced application and did not feel there were any environmental concerns since no new development is proposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Board cancelled its last meeting so there was nothing new to report.

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale reported that the pond looked clear and agreed to continue to keep an eye on it in the future.

- Community Well Test Dates

Mr. Mackie noted that the well test return dates are scheduled for October 19th and 20th. Mara Tippett is the new Raritan Headwaters Assoc. representative working on the Community Well Test program and has provided two (2) draft flyers which Mr. Mackie distributed to the Commission members for review. Mr. Teasdale offered to send the article to the Tewksbury Times for the September and October issues. The Township will also post the flyer on the Township webpage. Matt Grobert and Bruce Mackie volunteered for both of the drop off days.

➤ Highlands Act

Mr. Teasdale reported that there is a proposed rules revision to change the septic density from 1 system per 44 acres and to 1 septic per 12 acres. Comments were due July 15th and the outcome is pending. When asked who has jurisdiction over the change, Mr. Teasdale opined the NJDEP.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Teasdale made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator