

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

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Geoffrey Connor, Glenn Likus and Rodney McCatharn, Alt. #1.

Absent: Mary Ace and Matt Grobert

**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, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES**

- December 14, 2015

The minutes of December 14, 2015 were approved as submitted by motion of Mr. Connor and seconded by Mr. Mackie. All were in favor. Mr. Likus and Mr. McCatharn abstained.

- January 11, 2016

The minutes of January 11, 2016 were approved as submitted by motion of Mr. Connor and seconded by Mr. Colitti. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) Information re: the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual NJ Land Conservation Rally on March 18, 2016.
- b) Notice dated January 8, 2016 from PSE&G re: Freshwater Wetlands Permit #1 for rights of way vegetation management.

- c) A letter dated February 2, 2016 from ANJEC thanking the Commission for renewing its ANJEC membership for 2016.
- d) ANJEC Report, Winter 2016.

Mr. Mackie asked if anyone was attending the Raritan Headwaters Assoc. membership meeting to which Mr. Connor responded in the positive.

Mr. Teasdale mentioned that Ms. Ace was wondering if the Commission should respond to PSE&G. Mr. Mackie noted that the Commission has been disappointed in the past with the aftermath of PSE&G's vegetative clearing. Mr. Teasdale offered to draft a note to Mayor Melick asking that the Township remind PSE&G to be thoughtful about their trimming, most importantly along the Township's scenic roadways. The Commission agreed.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that Cellco is expected to return with an application. Mr. Mackie also updated the Commission on recent COAH business.

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale noted the Mr. Landon and Ms. Goodchild opined that it was wise to hold off on treatment of the pond to see what, if any, new growth appears. The company that the Township uses to apply the treatment (Black Lagoon) suggested that the Township apply for the NJDEP permits so that the Township is in the position to treat the pond immediately if the water chestnuts begin to sprout. Ms. Goodchild has authorized Black Lagoon to apply to NJDEP for the proper permits; the permits are valid for two (2) years. Mr. Colitti asked Mr. Teasdale if he was going to provide the school with a presentation similar to last year. Mr. Teasdale explained that the presentation was to meet the ANJEC grant obligation so no new presentation is scheduled.

- 2016 RHA Annual River Clean-up

Mr. Colitti noted that cleanup day is April 16, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Califon Island Park which will be shared between Tewksbury and Califon residents. Tewksbury residents will work east on Vernoy Road for approximately one (1) mile along the South Branch and Califon residents will work west along the Ken Lockwood gorge. Mr. Colitti noted that he sent a blurb to the Tewksbury Times to be included in the March issue. Notice of the program will also be included on the Township webpage. Mr. Teasdale suggested that the Commission include notice of the program in the school's virtual backpack to which Mr. Colitti agreed and offered to coordinate that with the school.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator