

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
January 11, 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 7:32 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chris Teasdale, Chairman, Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Mary Ace, Geoffrey Connor, Matt Grobert arrived at 7:35 p.m., Glenn Likus arrived at 7:37 p.m. and Rodney McCatharn, Alt. #1.

Absent: None

**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, 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.

**CLAIM**

- 2016 ANJEC Membership Dues - \$350 (*this includes \$300 for 7 members plus \$50 for 2 additional members. If you choose the Workshop plan please approve a claim in the amount of \$410 – you did not choose the workshop plan in 2015.*)

Mr. Colitti made a motion to approve the claim for \$350 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. Colitti, Mr. Grobert, Ms. Ace, Mr. Likus, Mr. Connor, Mr. McCatharn and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) A letter dated January 5, 2016 from Shana Goodchild re: LUB Appl. No.

15-17, Block 31, Lot 23, Critical Slope Variance.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- Resolution No. 16-01 – Annual Meeting Dates

Ms. Ace 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. 16-01**

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 2016 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 11	July 11
February 8	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 17
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

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. Mackie, Mr. Colitti, Mr. Grobert, Ms. Ace, Mr. Likus, Mr. Connor, Mr. McCatharn and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Angela Gorczyca, Water Quality Program Manager at Raritan Headwaters Assoc. to discuss water quality in the Cold Brook

Angela Gorczyca, Water Quality Program Manager presented a slide show which provided information about the 2015 Stream Monitoring program. She suggested some improvements, including better buffer areas along streams; vegetative buffers would help stop some of the fertilizer from running into the streams.

Mr. Teasdale noted that Tewksbury will be participating in the annual stream cleanup in April. He explained that the Commission wants to provide more advanced notice of the program by putting articles in the Times of Tewksbury and sending notices home with the students of the Tewksbury Elementary and Old Turnpike Schools.

The Commission thanked Ms. Gorczyca for her presentation.

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported that the Land Use Board re-organized and had its annual ethics discussion. He noted that the Board is discussing several topics including a property maintenance ordinance. He also noted that Cellco will be returning with another cellular application.

- 2016 Budget (special projects)

Mr. Teasdale explained that Ms. Goodchild always budgets for membership fees, workshop fees, etc. The Commission had no new projects for 2016 and therefore no new budget requests.

The Commission discussed item a) above regarding Appl. No. 15-17. Mr. Teasdale and Mr. Likus recused themselves from the discussion. The Commission reviewed the application material for a critical slope variance to construct an open sided pavilion. Given that the applicant will be installing a four (4) foot high retaining wall to protect the slope above the area of disturbance, and because they will not be changing the impervious surface ratio of the property, the Commission had no recommendations. Mr. Grobert offered to draft a letter to the Land Use Board memorializing the discussion.

Mr. Teasdale and Mr. Likus returned to the meeting at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator