

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
November 14, 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 7:35 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

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

Absent: Mary Ace, Glenn Likus, Matt Grobert 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, Mr. Teasdale closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES**

➤ October 17, 2016

The minutes of October 17, 2016 were approved by motion of Mr. Connor and seconded by Mr. Mackie. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Connor made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the following items of correspondence. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- a) A copy of a letter dated October 15, 2016 from Raritan Headwaters to the Mayor regarding the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Clean Up of the Raritan River and the 2016 Stream Cleanup Report (*e-mailed to the Commission 10-19-16*).
- b) Invitation to the State of our Watershed Conference from the Raritan Headwaters.
- c) Notice of a Highlands Applicability Determination Application from Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.
- d) A letter dated November 1, 2016 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 16-12, Melick Bernards LLC, Block 39, Lot 24, Use Variance and Minor Site Plan.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the application in item d above and concluded that since no disturbance is proposed the only concern is the impact the proposed use will have on the public sewer system. Mr. Mackie agreed to communicate that concern at the public hearing.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Board did not meet last week but a number of Board members attended the Township Committee meeting last Monday to express their concerns about the proposed ordinance to amend the lot coverage requirements. After an eloquent speech by both the Chairman of the Environmental Commission and Land Use Board, the Township Committee agreed not to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Teasdale agreed with Mr. Mackie that the Land Use Board Chairman, Blake Johnstone, gave a very articulate speech. He noted that Mr. Johnstone pointed out that to not engage the Land Use Board in the issues and research after all the hard work on the Master Plan was not the right way to do business in the Township.

The Commission discussed the possibility of streamlining the application process for smaller projects. Mr. McCatharn suggested exempting projects that are “re-doing” something on their property. Mr. Mackie agreed and noted that the Land Use Board has been very lenient with applicants by allowing them to submit non-engineered plans or older surveys that contain hand drawn amendments to show proposed projects.

#### ➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale noted that he spoke to the Township Administrator and the herbicide will definitely be applied in the Spring.

#### ➤ Community Well Test Program

Mr. Mackie and Mr. Connor reported that the well test program went well and it was a good turnout this year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator