

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
February 13, 2017**

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, Mary Ace, Bruce Mackie, Geoffrey Connor, Glenn Likus, Matt Grobert, Rodney McCatharn, Alt. #1 and Michael Schlaefer, Alt #2.

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 10, 2017.

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.

Mr. McCatharn noted that due to his impending retirement from Peapack and Gladstone on February 28th he must resign from the Environmental Commission due to a State law that requires him to break ties from volunteering at a local level for at least 6 months.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated January 19, 2017 from Quest Environmental & Engineering Services, Inc. re: 300 gallon leaded gasoline underground storage tank, Block 47, Lot 48.
- b) A letter dated January 19, 2017 from PSE&G re: notice of Highlands Applicability Determination Application for Block 29, Lot 8.02.
- c) A letter dated February 13, 2017 from the Tewksbury Land Trust re: Resolution of Support for NJDEP Stewardship Grant.

The Commission discussed item a) above and Mr. Mackie noted that based on the correspondence there may be a groundwater issue at which point they would have to drill wells for monitoring.

Mr. Teasdale recused himself from the discussion of item c) above. The Commission considered the resolution to support the Tewksbury Land Trust in conjunction with the Raritan Headwaters Association in their grant application to the NJDEP to assist non-profit organizations in stewardship of land for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes. The Commission by motion of Ms. Ace and seconded by Mr. Colitti supported the grant application by the Tewksbury Land Trust and Raritan Headwaters Association. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie noted that the Board considered the Lance application on January 18, 2017, a site walk was held on February 11, 2017 and the hearing will continue on March 1, 2017. A discussion ensued regarding the need for COAH housing and if some of the apartments could be deed restricted.

➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

No new updates.

➤ 2017 RHA Annual River Clean-up

Mr. Colitti noted that he sent a blurb to Edwin for the Tewksbury Times last night and the cleanup up is scheduled for April 22, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and it will be at the Park and Ride near Route 78. Mr. McCatharn agreed to contact the individuals that helped pick up the debris last year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator