

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
March 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 7:36 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Geoffrey Connor and Matt Grobert

Absent: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mary Ace, Glenn Likus and Michael Schlaefer, Alt #2.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Bruce Mackie 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. Mackie opened the meeting up to the public. There being no one in the audience, Mr. Mackie closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

➤ January 9, 2017

Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017. Mr. Colitti seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Grobert abstained.

➤ February 13, 2017

Mr. Grobert made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017. Mr. Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) A letter dated March 9, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: Appl. No. 17-03, Block 23, Lot 28.03 and Appl. No. 17-04, Block 23, Lots 2.01 and 34.

The Commission reviewed the above referenced applications and had no comment as there is no impact to the environment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported on the Land Use Board's site walk of the Lance properties at the corner of Main and Church Streets in Oldwick. The applicant is seeking use and impervious coverage variances along with site plan approval. He noted that the applicant has offered to restrict one (1) of the apartments as a COAH unit.

Mr. Mackie also reported on the recent court decision related to COAH and explained that there is a gap period between the second and third round that municipalities will be responsible for; this will add to the Township's COAH requirement. Discussion ensued about what Tewksbury will be responsible for in the future. Mr. Connor suggested surveying Township residents to gauge interest in converting existing buildings into COAH units (turning a single family home into several dwelling units, converting an outbuilding into a dwelling unit, etc.). Mr. Mackie opined that it was an idea to explore once the Township has been given its final numbers.

➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

No new updates.

➤ 2017 RHA Annual River Clean-up

Mr. Grobert noted that the blurb appeared on the front page of the Tewksbury Times. Mr. Colitti noted that he put the information in the virtual backpack for the Tewksbury Elementary School and Old Turnpike School.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator