

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
September 11, 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 7:30 p.m., roll call taken and a quorum established.

Present: Chairman Chris Teasdale, Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Geoffrey Connor, Matt Grobert and Glenn Likus,

Absent: Mary Ace and Michael Schlaefer, Alt #2

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.

MINUTES

➤ June 12, 2017

Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2017. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Colitti, Mr. Grobert and Mr. Likus abstained.

➤ July 10, 2017

Mr. Mackie made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017. Mr. Grobert seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Colitti and Mr. Grobert abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ Updates – Land Use Board

Due to his absence at the last Land Use Board meeting, Mr. Mackie had nothing new to report.

Mr. Teasdale noted that he was copied on a chain of e-mails about affordable housing. Mr. Van Doren was copied on the e-mail and responded that the judges stay applied to Tewksbury. Mr. Mackie noted Tewksbury and several other townships got together and hired its own experts to put together an affordable housing plan which was introduced as part of the rebuttal to the numbers being presented. Mr. Likus suggested getting an update on the affordable housing discussions. Mr. Mackie agreed to bring back any information discussed at the Land Use Board level.

➤ Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale noted that Ms. Goodchild pointed out that treatment of the ponds is budgeted for in the Land Use Budget annually.

- 2017 RHA Community Well Water Testing Update
- *Prepare publication notice for October Times of Tewksbury*

Mr. Teasdale noted that Ms. Goodchild reported that sales were good since the sale began September 5th. Mr. Mackie received an e-mail from Raritan Headwater Assoc. that the kits were available for purchase. Several members of the Commission acknowledged that they had received a reminder card from Raritan Headwaters Association. Mr. Mackie agreed to help on both return dates and Mr. Grobert agreed to help on October 18th and Mr. Connor agreed to help on October 19th.

Mr. Mackie offered to send a last minute blurb to the Times of Tewksbury for the well testing program.

Mr. Connor asked if the Environmental Commission could get updates on the Highlands Council activity. Mr. Mackie noted that there are hearings scheduled to discuss procedures for public comments to the Highlands Master Plan. Mr. Teasdale offered to invite Wilma Frey from the Highlands Coalition to speak to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mackie made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator