

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
January 8, 2018**

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, Mario Colitti, Bruce Mackie, Matt Grobert, Geoffrey Connor, Glenn Likus and Hope Kaufman, Alt. #1

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 December 18, 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.

**CLAIM**

- 2018 ANJEC Membership Dues - \$400 (*this includes \$350 for 7 members plus \$50 for 2 additional members. **NEW THIS YEAR** - Workshops, webinars and courses are FREE (included in the membership dues increase).*)

Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the claim for \$400 to pay the ANJEC membership dues. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mr. Mackie, Mr. Colitti, Mr. Likus, Mr. Connor, Mr. Grobert, Mrs. Kaufman 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 December 21, 2017 from Shana Goodchild re: LUB Appl. No. 17-10, Block 11, Lot 38.01, Prel./Final Site Plan and Variances.
- b) Notice dated December 8, 2017 from Dewberry Engineers re: Notice of

Application for a major modification to NJDEP Flood Hazard Area and Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permits for the replacement of Hunterdon County Bridge RT-16, Route 523 over North Branch Rockaway Creek.

- c) Notice dated December 12, 2017 from Gregory VandeRydt re: application to the NJDEP for a approval of replacement of an existing 2,000 gallon pump tank with new 3,000 pump tank at Block 27, Lot 68.01 (Old Turnpike School).

The Commission discussed item b) above and Mr. Teasdale suggested that Mrs. Ace send an e-mail expressing concern. Mrs. Kaufman explained that Mrs. Ace is concerned that they haven't done their due diligence on the widening of the bridge. Mr. Grobert noted that the trout production waters are actually further upstream from the bridge but there's no landmark so they use the bridge as the landmark. When asked if it is being built as a four (4) lane bridge, Mr. Likus responded in the positive although he was unsure if they will activate all four (4) lanes. Mr. Grobert opined that Mrs. Ace would like it to remain as two (2) lanes as a traffic calming measure. Mr. Connor questioned if the new company that has acquired the Merck building is aware of the widening. Mr. Teasdale suggested having Mrs. Ace draft a letter to be reviewed by the Commission and then sent to the County.

The Commission discussed item c) above and Mr. Colitti noted that the work has been done and the school is waiting for the County Department of Health to sign off on the tank.

The Commission discussed item a) above and had no real concern with the proposal since the tower already exists.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- Resolution No. 18-01 – Annual Meeting Dates

Mr. Teasdale 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. 18-01**

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 2018 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 8	July 9
February 12	August 13
March 12	September 10
April 9	October 15
May 14	November 19
June 11	December 10

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. Colitti, Mr. Connor, Mr. Likus, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Grobert, Mrs. Kaufman and Mr. Teasdale

Those Opposed: None

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Updates – Land Use Board

Mr. Mackie reported that the Land Use Board reorganized and the Board will have the same Attorney, Engineer and the Township Committee will be interviewing for a new Planner. When asked if there are any big projects coming up, Mr. Mackie responded in the negative but noted that the Bellemead property is still vacant and the Township still needs to work through the affordable housing obligation process. When asked about affordable housing, Mr. Mackie noted that not much changed since his last update and the Township is still in litigation.

Mr. Teasdale noted that it was good that the Commission didn't take a position about the Mason application on Block 10, Lot 4.01 as Ms. Goodchild sent an e-mail prior to the last

Commission meeting noting that the Land Use Board needs to deal with the impervious coverage issue. He noted that the hearing did not happen in December as the notice was insufficient so it has been rescheduled for February.

- Pascale Pond – Water Chestnuts

Mr. Teasdale had nothing new to report.

- Quarry Backfill

It was brought to Mr. Teasdale's attention that Stavola Quarry is receiving fill from various construction jobs in NJ and taking that fill into the quarry with the concern being if the approvals for the fill were properly vetted. Mr. Likus noted that any activity in the quarry is regulated by the NJDEP and the permits that they have for the quarry operation. Mr. Teasdale offered to write a letter to the Township Committee and Land Use Board about the Commission's concern about the fill and if it is in accordance with plans and permits.

Mrs. Kaufman noted that she spoke with Ms. Goodchild and the Land Use Board will be doing a Re-examination of the Master Plan in the next couple of years and she suggested that the Commission consider anything that needs to be amended or included.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Grobert made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Mackie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild  
Land Use Administrator