

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes February 24, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Deborah Kratzer at 8:07 P.M.

Notice Requirements

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger January 2009. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ROLL CALL

Present: Deborah Kratzer
Lois Voronin
Sandra McNicol
Cynthia Niciecki
Gail Ashley
Walt Warneski
Elaine Niemann
Nicole Voigt

Absent: Joseph Zgurzynski

Chairwoman D. Kratzer welcomed Nicole Voigt to the Environmental Commission. The remainder of the members introduced themselves to Ms. Voigt, and welcomed her to the Commission.

MINUTES

Motion and adoption of minutes of January 27, 2009 Reorganization Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried the motion to approve and adopt the minutes of January 27, 2009 Reorganization Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Commission.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye:	Deborah Kratzer Lois Voronin Cynthia Niciecki Sandra McNicol Gail Ashley Walt Warneski	Nay:	None
	Absent:	None	Abstain:	Nicole Voigt Elaine Niemann

Motion and adoption of minutes of January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Commission

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried the motion to approve and adopt the minutes of January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Commission with the following corrections.

Correction: Page 8 – Second Paragraph

Deborah Kratzer noted that the Township received a notice from the Hunterdon Garden Club to apply for a Grant. – change and be corrected to:

Deborah Kratzer noted that the Township received a notice last year from the Hunterdon Garden Club, and the Commission is hoping to receive a notice and be invited to apply this year.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye:	Deborah Kratzer Lois Voronin Cynthia Niciecki Sandra McNicol Gail Ashley Walt Warneski	Nay:	None
	Absent:	None	Abstain:	Nicole Voigt Elaine Niemann

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from RAdata, Inc. Re: Water Sampling

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed information on RAdata for the water testing program. She will look into finding out the prices and what lab they use for the Township's fall program in September.

Letter from Russell Reid – Re: Septic Management Programs

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed info from Russell Reid. She explained that Sandra McNicol has put together a sheet for the residents on how to care for your septic systems.

Copy of letter to United States Environmental Protection Agency – Washington DC from Kingwood Township’s Mayor Elaine Niemann. Re: EPA-HQ-SFUND-2008-0579, Curtis Papers, Inc. Milford NJ

Mayor Niemann reviewed information on the Superfund Site the Township owns along Route 29. She explained that they would like to push it up on the list to expedite the clean up process at Curtis Papers. Mrs. Niemann noted that it is now a stable site. Comments were solicited from the community. Mayor Niemann will keep the Environmental Commission informed when she obtains more information.

Reports

D.E.P. – Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 09-01-20-1644-17 – Route 12 Business Park

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Letter from American Water: Re: Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Permit Application Wastewater Equalization (EQ) Tank Kingwood Township Board of Education

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Wetland and Soil Investigation, Thomas Norkevich – Re: Block 23, Lot 17.02 Barbertown –Point Breeze Road

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed, and it was noted by Sandra McNicol that this has not been reviewed by the Planning Board yet.

Letter and notification from Van Cleef, Engineering Assoc. re: 12 Street Roadway Improvement Project – Flood Hazard Area Permit Application

This was reviewed by the Commission members and it was decided this does not apply to Kingwood Township.

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Notice from the N.J.D.E.P. re: Platt Residence – Block 12, Lot 14 – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

Chairwoman D. Kratzer reviewed all of the following HCSC District notices:

Nearing Completion – Our Lady of Victories Church Additions, Block 12, Lot 58

Dated January 26, 2009, Stop Construction Order – Unauthorized Disturbance (Dwelling Construction) Block 51, Lot 3

Dated February 6, 2009, Rescission of Stop Construction Order – Block 51, Lot 3 Debra Potter

Letter of Conditional Certification, Block 34, Lot 10 – Galleria Kingwood Dwelling

Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki

Volunteer for March 14, 2009 – Lois Voronin

Volunteer for April 11, 2009 – Gail Ashley

Class B Recycling Centers (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008) 2008 Annual Report Form

Cynthia Niciecki explained that this is the tonnage report for 2008.

2009 Recycling Schedule Calendar and Instructions Sheet to be mailed out to all the Kingwood Township residents

Cynthia Niciecki reviewed the new Recycling Schedule for 2009 to be mailed out in the annual mailing in March. She also explained that on Saturday, March 14 is the Hazardous Clean up at the County Complex on Route 12. Cynthia noted that she attended a meeting with the county for recycling and reviewed all the new information she obtained.

Items Received If Anyone Wishes to Review

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of ERI

Sandra McNicol noted that it was brought up at the Planning Board meeting and there were very favorable comments. She noted that the ERI is incorporated into the Conservation Element, and there is no need to adopt this separately. Chairwoman Kratzer noted that a press release was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat on the ERI.

Objectives for 2009

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed the objectives for 2009 and she invited everyone to comment on the list. It was suggested to be on the agenda for the March meeting to look into what ordinances the Commission may want to look over as far as Environmental concerns such as septic systems, conservation easements, land erosion due to animals, and protection of plants.

Randi Scher, of 37 Lower Oak Grove Road had several comments on animals and plants. She would like the Township to get involved with the residents to find a solution.

Chairwoman Kratzer noted it would be a good item to add to the 2009 objectives to have outreach/educational information on the deer population, and to see what the community could come up with as a solution.

Thursday, March 5, 2009 Meeting at Prailsville Mill – 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for a review and discussion of the draft Lockatong and Wickecheoke Creek Watersheds Project reports

Chairwoman Kratzer reviewed the details of what will be discussed at the meeting on March 5. She explained to the new members what the project was all about. Mrs. Kratzer encourages all to attend the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Info from ANJEC: Celebrate your Commission!

Environmental Resource Inventory Update

Update on the Forestry Grant

Environmental Commission Site Plan Review: Minor Subdivision for Jeffrey Silverton Block 7, Lot 14

Wastewater Management Plan for the Township

MEI Discussion – Elaine Niemann

Annual report/newsletter

Open Space

Sandra McNicol reports on Meeting of February 5, 2009 Open Space Advisory Committee

Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor