

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 22, 2014  
7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35P.M. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer called the meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

**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 on February 6, 2014, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times and the Star Ledger on January 29, 2014. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 29, 2014.**

**In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Commission, 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**

Diana Haywood  
Debbie Kratzer  
Sandra McNicol  
Lois Voronin  
Gail Ashley  
David Posey  
Timothy Cahalin

**Absent**

Cynthia Niciecki  
Willard Reasoner  
Joe Zgurzynski

**Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

**Margaret Logreira, Well Test Program Manager of the Raritan Headwaters Association**

Margaret Logreira was present and explained a list of what some of the other township's do for their Community testing. She explained all the testing prices and stated that it depends on what is going on outside your house, as to what they will recommend and what needs to be tested. She reviewed a few diagrams that show how many people in the towns are being tested. She feels that this program is very beneficial. She noted that she can test approximately about 50 homes a day.

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She stated that the interested parties need to fill out a form. She reviewed a summary chart of the watershed. She explained another chart that showed what tests should be done on a homeowners well water. She explained that many Environmental Commissions have do this program for their residences.

Margaret Logreira explained how the program works. She noted that they make flyers, which will be displayed at Community Day. She explained that she keeps the public informed by e-mail of the new tests that are available if they have already used the association before. She noted that each person has the opportunity to choose what they would like tested. She explained that the residents are contacted immediately if they find anything in their water. She explained the kits that would be given out and the instructions that would be given. She noted that there is a U-tube demonstration for people to watch to see how the collection is done. She explained that she tests mid-September to mid-October and then again in the springtime.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained how the program worked for the past few years. Sandra McNicol suggested that the Environmental Commission have a separate table with posters that are provided by the Raritan Headwaters Association.

Margaret Logreira asked the Commission to talk amongst themselves and let her know what they would like to do, and if they are interested in doing a program for the township's residents.

Everyone thanked Margaret Logreira for coming and giving a presentation on their water testing program.

The Commission discussed what they thought would be best for the township and its residents. The Commission feels it would be a nice idea to try someone new and someone who can provide the results of the tests and suggest what should be done. The Commission decided that they will be in contact with Margaret Logreira regarding dates for selling the test and dropping them off.

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve to choose Raritan Headwaters Association for a fall water testing program for the residents of the township.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Voronin, Ashley, McNicol, Cahalin, Posey</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Niciecki</b>

## **Minutes**

(1). Approval of the March 25, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

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It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the March 25, 2014 Environmental Commission Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Voronin, Ashley, Posey, McNicol</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Cahalin</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Niciecki</b>

(2). Approval of the May 27, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

It was moved by David Posey, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve the May 27, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Kratzer, Ashley, Posey, Cahalin
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- Voronin, McNicol
	Absent	- Niciecki

(3). Approval of the June 24, 2014 Environmental Commission Regular Minutes

These minutes will be tabled until next month.

**Old Business**

N/A

**New Business**

ANJEC Social Media Webinar

Sandra McNicol explained she attended the event. She feels it was very informative. She explained it is a good way to get the news out to the residents, such as water testing or other programs. She feels it would be a lot of work to keep it up and to get the information out.

**Correspondence**

(4). Take Action for Clean Air – ANJEC – Oppose the Repeal of RGGI Rules

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that this is an opportunity to support this opposition to repeal the RGGI Rules. She noted that she brought a sample resolution to possibly pass on to the Township Committee to adopt and support. Debbie Kratzer read aloud the resolution to the Commission Members. She explained what the resolution was supporting. There was a brief discussion on the matter.

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It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Timothy Cahalin and carried to distribute the sample resolution requesting that the Township Committee support by resolution to oppose the repeal of the RGGI rules.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Voronin, Ashley, McNicol, Cahalin, Posey</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Niciecki</b>

(5). News Release from the NJDEP – Christie Adm. Seeks 2015 AmeriCorps Watershed Amb.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(6). Christie Administration Announces Applications for 2014 Governors Environmental Excellence Awards

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**Notice of Upcoming Workshops and meetings:**

N/A

**Recycling News and Update**

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol made arrangements for someone to pick up the tires at the DPW. She explained that half will be paid by the tonnage grant and half will be paid by the clean community's funds. She also explained how the tires have collected at the DPW. She noted that people bring tires to the township during the clean-up program, but most of them are picked up along the roadside by the Department of Public Works.

Recycling – Tonnage Grant Report

Sandra McNicol explained that the tonnage report was submitted in June. She noted the tonnage amount is up 670 tons from last year. She explained that the businesses and trash haulers provide how much is used and the total amounts.

**Reports**

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(7). Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notice from the NJDEP – Re: 207 Byram Kingwood Road

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(8). Analytical Report Q.C. Labs Re: Results of Water Test for Municipal Building

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She reported that the results look fine and are below the limit.

(8a). Analytical Report Q.C. Labs Re: Results of Nitrate – 599 Oak Grove Road Mun. Bldg.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She reported that the results look fine and are below the limit.

### **Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District**

N/A

### **Action Items:**

#### Sustainable Jersey

Tim Cahalin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time. Debbie Kratzer and Sandra McNicol offered to help out with the sustainable jersey program. Tim Cahalin will be sending them information on what he has done so far and what needs to be completed.

#### MEL- Update on Site Remediation Meeting with Representatives from MEL

Gail Ashley noted that she sent a letter to the State Geologist to look over the information. She noted that they have agreed to look this over and will get back to her.

She suggested that she would like to have an open meeting and invite the State Geologist to speak along with the folks from Environmental Commission. She feels that an official invitation should be sent to him, which she volunteered to write. She suggested that he be invited to the, October 28<sup>th</sup> Environmental Commission meeting to speak to everyone, and have a power point presentation with questions and answers.

### **Horseshoe Bend Park – Update**

#### Discuss Possible Invasive Plant Removal and Seed for Wildflower Meadow – Update Butterfly Count

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the Butterfly Club did a butterfly count. She noted that she was unable to stay for the entire time. She explained that there were not as many butterflies seen as last year.

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**Kingwood Park**

Community Day –

**Septic Pumping Program – Update – Need to Make a Decision**

There was a discussion to have the same company as last year to do the septic pumping program. There will be sign ups at Community Day.

**Discount Well Water Tests – Update – Need to Make a Decision**

The commission has decided to go with a program in the fall with Raritan Headwaters Association. There was a discussion on different ideas for Community Day. The Commission feels that the table should be a display of the all municipal information. Sandra McNicol suggested promoting septic system information for the public. There will also be posters from Margaret Logreira from the Raritan Headwaters Association. There was a suggestion to put information regarding the butterflies and also the plants that have been planted at the Horseshoe Bend Park.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Tim Cahalin and carried to approve to spend funds to have a poster printed up from Staples for a Community Day display.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Voronin, Ashley, McNicol, Cahalin, Posey</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Niciecki</b>

(9). **Kingwood Park Riparian Buffer Planting – From Bob O’Neil**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed photos of plants that were planted at the Kingwood Park. She explained that they are doing very well and are growing.

**Site Plan Review**

N/A

**Open Space**

**Sandy McNicol – Open Space and Ag Meeting of July 1, 2014**

Sandra McNicol noted that there was nothing to update at this time. She explained that the township is waiting for the closing of the Church property.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:53pm. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary