

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 28, 2015

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:45P.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 January 29th, 2015, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on January 21, 2015. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 21, 2015.

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

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

Absent

Cynthia Niciecki
David Posey
Willard Reasoner
Joe Zgurzynski

Minutes

- (1). Approval of June 23, 2015 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve the June 23, 2015 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Comments/Corrections: Page #4 Under 5a. SJ – Hart Workshop – 2014 Sustainable Jersey Cert. Cycle Timeline. Last sentence: Currently states: He noted that he will be doing a Natural Resource Inventory of all the buildings that were involved with the energy project. Replace sentence with: **(He noted that an inventory of the energy usage has been done of all the buildings and were involved with the energy project.)**

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

Correspondence

(2). List of New Jersey Mycological Association Fungi Identified at Horseshoe Bend Park

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the list of mushrooms found at Horseshoe Bend Park. Sandra McNicol stated that there are a large number of people in the area that go on these walks to find and research mushrooms.

Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops:

N/A

Recycling News and Update

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol noted that the last clean-up will be in October on the second Saturday of the month. She explained that she needs to speak to the DPW regarding what is allowed to be recycled and what should not be allowed. She noted that people are bringing many items that do not belong in the recycling bins.

She explained that she would like to limit the days the recycling depot is open and possibly having it open only three days per week. She would like to have people there to monitor it to see what people are bringing and to make sure they are Kingwood residents. She explained that there are individuals dumping at the recycling depot that should not be using the township's facility. She noted that she called a company that she saw dumping their items at the recycling depot to let them know where they should be bringing it. She noted how it is very hard to stop the public from bringing the wrong items. She explained that there are other townships in the county that have someone at their depot to check to make sure they are a residents of the township and monitor what they are bringing.

Diana Haywood suggested as a Committee Member, that Sandra McNicol document every time something happens at the recycling center and explain that Clean Communities Funds will pay for the monitoring of the recycling center and that this is for liability reasons. She explained that this will help the Township Committee to decide to make some changes and to also cut the days and hours of operation for the recycling center to be open.

Reports

(3). Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP – 599 Oak Grove Rd

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Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the notice from the NJDEP regarding 599 Oak Grove Road.

(4). Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP – 1017 County Rt, 519

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the notice from the NJDEP regarding 1017 County Rt. 519.

(5). Q.C. Labs Analytical Report – Water Test Taken at Horseshoe Bend Park

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(6). Notice from NJDEP – Re: Deficiency Letter for Appl. For Letter of Interpretation Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District

(7). HCSCD – Notice of Confirmation of 48 Hr. Notice of Land Disturbance Bl 20, L4

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(8). HCSCD – Notice of Compliance - Galleria Homes – Tumble Falls Road Bl 40, L 8.02

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

New Business

(9). 2014 List of Septic Repairs and Replacements – From Sandra McNicol

The Commission Members reviewed the list of septic repairs and replacements.

Old Business

(10). Copy of Letter to Board of Adjustment from EC – Delaware River Tubing Appl. And Environmental Impact Assessment

Diana Haywood explained that the Board of Adjustment denied the application for the Delaware River Tubing business. She noted that the Board of Adjustment did not feel that it was a good location for this business.

Delaware River Tubing – New Site Plan Submitted

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that she reviewed the new site plan.

4.

Update on the Meeting of Monday, July 27, 2015

The meeting of Monday, July 27, 2015 was discussed under # (10).

Action Items:

Sustainable Jersey – Kingwood Green Team Update

Diana Haywood noted that there were not enough members of the Sustainable Jersey Team to meet this evening before the EC meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding ways to get new members who would be interested in joining the Green Team. There was a suggestion for a notice to go in the mailing to seek volunteers who would be interested. Diana Haywood offered to write something up for the mailing.

(10a). Survey to Re: Anti-Idling Programs – Sustainable Jersey Certification

There was a discussion on idling. It was noted that there is a resolution for no idling that was adopted several years ago. It was suggested that this resolution be adopted yearly and sent to the local schools as a reminder.

MEL – Update

On Going Well Water Resource Inventory

(11). Draft Letter from Mayor Dodds to the NJDEP – Re: Status Update Report

The Commission reviewed the letter. Gail Ashley noted that she has the information as to who to send the letter to at the State.

PennEast Pipeline: Update

(12). Ordinance from Princeton Township Banning the Use of Hydraulic Fracturing in the Municipality

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. The Commission Members feel that this is probably the best ordinance to use to adopt an ordinance for Kingwood Township. It was discussed that Lois Voronin will make some changes to the ordinance and send it to Clerk MacConnell.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to approve to authorize Lois Voronin to make changes in the ordinance, which will be forwarded to the Township Committee requesting they consider adopting this ordinance to ban the use of hydraulic fracturing in the township.

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

Resolution from Township of Princeton – Supporting A NJ Statewide Ban on Natural Gas Development Involving Hydraulic Fracturing

The Commission Members reviewed.

(13). Resolution from New Hope County of Bucks Asserting Local Control to Ban Gas Drilling

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(14). Resolution from Stockton Borough Planning Board on Fracking Actions

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

(15). Copy of Letter to FERC from Professor Tullis Onstott, Complaints Regarding PennEast and Arsenic and Earthquakes

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. The Commission Members noted that this was a very interesting letter. They thought it was very well done.

(16). Letter to Kingwood Residents – Info on Update of the PennEast Pipeline – Lois Voronin

(16). Revised Letter to Kingwood Residents – Penn East Pipeline

The Commission Members reviewed the letter Lois Voronin prepared to be sent out to the Kingwood Township residents. They made a few changes to the letter. Everyone stated that Lois Voronin did a great job with the letter, and thanked her for working on it.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Timothy Cahalin and carried to approve to send the letter prepared by Lois Voronin to all the residents in the township in the upcoming mailing to inform everyone about the facts of the Penn East Pipeline that is proposing to go through the township.

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

6.

Meeting with Members of the Penn East Pipeline

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that she, Richard Dodds, and Maureen Synchronick met with members of the Penn East Pipeline a few weeks ago. She stated what was discussed at the meeting. She expressed how Kingwood Township does not want the pipeline in the township. She explained how the Mayor discussed a list of items to the representatives that they would have to do.

(16a). Sample Resolution Alert – Ban on Fracking

The Commission Members reviewed.

(17). Kingwood EC Resource Report – Comments to FERC 7-14-2015

The Commission Members reviewed. Debbie Kratzer reviewed the draft that she prepared. The Commission feels this should be submitted to FERC, and send additional information as the Commission works on them. It was suggested to look over the report and send your comments to Debbie Kratzer by Monday, August 3rd, 2015. The Commission feels that the more they comment the better.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Timothy Cahalin and carried to approve that the Commission Members review the Kingwood EC Resource Report and send their comments to Debbie Kratzer by Monday, August 3rd, 2015 and complete the report with any changes and send to FERC.

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

(18). Update of Meeting of July 23, 2015 at the Prallsville Mills in Stockton Re: Network to Discuss Landowner Rights

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed and noted that she went to the meeting and it was very informative. She explained everything that was discussed at the meeting.

(18a). Copy of Memo Sent to the BOA – Re: Application and Environ Impact Assessment - DRT

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Horseshoe Bend Park – Update - Pollinator Meadow Project – Update

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Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer gave an update of the pollinator meadow at the Horseshoe Bend Park. She noted that there is a problem with some of the grasses, which are considered invasive species growing around the flowers that they planted. She noted that most of the seeds are coming up and doing well.

Kingwood Park - Update - Community Day – Planning

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there will be a table for Environmental Commission and information to hand out to the residents. Debbie Kratzer noted that there will also be a table for the Citizens against the pipeline to give out info on the Penn East Pipeline.

Septic Quotes for Discount Program

(19). Quote from Castle Septic Service Corp.

(20). Quote from Accurate Waste Systems, Inc.

There was a brief discussion regarding the quotes for the discount septic program.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Timothy Cahalin and carried to choose the lowest quote from Accurate Waste Systems, Inc. for the company for the discount septic pumping program for the price of \$175.00 for 1,000 gallon tank.

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

Well Water Testing Quotes

(21). Quote from - Q.C. Labs (Eurofins)

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to approve to choose Q.C. Labs Eurofins for the lab for the discount well water testing for the Kingwood Residents to sign up at Community Day.

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

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the list of water tests and how we would list them on a sheet out to the residents.

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(22). Quote from - Aquatronics

No quote was submitted for the discount water testing.

Site Plan Review

N/A

Open Space

Sandy McNicol – Update on Open Space and Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting of July 7, 2015.

Sandra McNicol noted that there was no meeting in July. She stated that there is nothing new at this time. She explained that the Church property is still testing and will hopefully close soon.

Public Comments/Privilege of the Floor

No public comment.

Adjournment

It was moved by Timothy Cahalin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:05P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller,
Secretary