

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**April 26, 2016**

**7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:42P.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 4, 2016, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on January 28, 2016. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 28, 2016.**

**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  
Gail Ashley  
Sandra McNicol  
David Posey  
Willard Reasoner  
Diana Haywood  
Timothy Cahalin

**Absent**

Cynthia Niciecki  
Joe Zgurzynski

**Public Comments/Privilege of the Floor**

There were no public comments.

**Minutes**

(1). Approval of March 22, 2016 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission asked that these minutes be tabled until next month.

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### **Correspondence**

N/A

### **Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops: Reminder of Dates**

ANJEC - Garden Party – Sunday, May 15, 2016 Watershed Center Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, 31 Titus Mill Road, Hopewell NJ

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

### **Recycling News and Update**

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Recycling Coordinator, Sandra McNicol noted that she is trying to obtain information to complete the tonnage report. The Clean-Up Program has started and that permits can be obtained at the municipal offices during office hours. Sandra McNicol noted she had a tire collection and collected about 40 tires and arranged for them to be picked up. She is hoping we do not have too many more tires along the roads.

### **Reports**

Municipal Building Kitchen Sink Water Test Update - Follow-Up for Treatment

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked about the updated tests after finding the coliform in the water at the municipal building. Secretary Keller explained that no tests were sent as of today, but that she called and requested a copy of the results. She will send to all the EC members when she receives it.

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

(2). HCSCD – Block 29, Lot 5.01 – Report of Compliance

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

### **New Business**

(3). Environmental Commission – Annual Report Draft

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated she will try to have this for next month.

Water Testing for Arsenic and Boron with (NJGS) New Jersey Geological & Water Survey Tentatively for May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated she met Steve Spade from NJGS who explained he received funding from the CDC regarding a program that we could do again this year.

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Debbie Kratzer explained that we did this about six years ago through the Kingwood School. She noted that it will not pay for the entire project, but it will help subsidize toward it. She suggested that we do the program again, which can be distributed through the school. She reviewed what the EC did last time the testing was done for arsenic and boron. She explained they sent bottles home with the children. She noted she would like to do this before the school year is out. She suggested to also distribute the tests to the public from the municipal building. She explained the tentative plan is to distribute the bottles on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and then pick up the bottles on May 19<sup>th</sup>. She is waiting for Steve Spade to contract a lab to do this testing. There will be a fee, but it will not be very high. There was a brief discussion how the bottles would be distributed. Chairwoman, Debbie Kratzer would like to make everyone in the township aware of the high levels of arsenic and boron, which is the highest in the state of New Jersey. She will follow up with Steve Spade to see when this can be scheduled.

### **Old Business**

Update on Chris Citgo

(4). Copy of Memo to the Twp. Board of Health from the Environmental Commission

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

Update from Last Month - JM Sorg Inc. Environ Consultant Re: Chris Citgo

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted this was sent to the township's Board of Health. Sandra McNicol noted that there has not been a Board of Health meeting in a few months. It was noted that they have not had a chance to review this as of this date. Sandra McNicol would like the BOH to send a letter to the state notifying them about the possible water contamination. The EC feels the land owners surrounding the property should be notified.

### **Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc.**

Sandra McNicol noted that Franklin Township has agreed to open the public hearing at their June meeting. Kingwood Township will have the opportunity to ask questions and speak about their concerns.

The Environmental Commission feels that they need to have a subcommittee meeting and also have the township's hydro geologist to talk to about this concern. It was suggested that it may be a good idea to ask the hydro geologist to come to the public hearing with Kingwood members.

### **Action Items:**

Sustainable Jersey – Kingwood Green Team Update

Timothy Cahalin noted that he did not have any updates at this time. Willard Reasoner and Diana Haywood noted they were unable to attend the last meeting they had with the surrounding townships. Sandra McNicol asked about the Green Fair. Diana Haywood noted that a grant was applied for and she was not sure if they received it yet.

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Willard Reasoner and Diana Haywood noted that not much was new, as far as they know.

#### Fracking Ordinance – Update

It was noted that Clerk Mary MacConnell sent for clarification to see if the surrounding towns would like to do anything with this ordinance. Debbie Kratzer feels that if they had any questions, she would be glad to speak to them. Diana Haywood noted Kingwood Township is going to introduce this ordinance next month.

#### MEL – Update

##### Update from Gail Ashley

##### (5). MEL Report – May 2014

Gail Ashley briefly reviewed.

##### (6). Copy of Letter to Mayor Dodds from Environ re: MEL Chemicals

Gail Ashley briefly reviewed.

##### (7). Updated List of Property Homeowners – Near MEL

Gail Ashley noted this is an updated list of property owners that live across the road from MEL.

#### Letter to Homeowners Surrounding MEL

Gail Ashley drafted a letter to be sent out to the homeowners. The Commission approved the draft letter. Diana Haywood suggested adding contact information to the letter. Secretary Keller to add additional information to the letter and send proof to Gail Ashley. The letters will be signed by the Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer and mailed out on Environmental Commission letterhead as soon as possible.

Timothy Cahalin reported on transcript video he obtained from Richard Portuese from MEL, who gave a talk at Rutgers University regarding ethics in science. He gave a brief review of what happened at the meeting. He explained that there were a lot of questions to Mr. Portuese. He gave a background of who was there before MEL, and stated how they all basically did the same type of thing at that location. He explained that they talked about the legacy material.

Timothy Cahalin stated he would like to know more about what had happened at MEL and what is still going on. He said is planning to go on May 11<sup>th</sup>, to review a report regarding MEL at the NJDEP. Gail Ashley offered to go with Timothy Cahalin on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. David Posey suggested that they call and make an appointment before going and to get permission for more than one person to go review the report.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding MEL and the remediation the EC would like to know more about. Lois Voronin brought several items of information from many years ago regarding MEL.

Everyone thanked Tim Cahalin for all his research.

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**PennEast Pipeline: - Update**  
**Project Update for the PennEast Pipeline Project**

(8). Penn East – April 2016 Update Newsletter

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that Penn East sent this out to landowners. The Commission reviewed the letter. They expressed that they were not happy regarding the statements made by the Penn East Pipeline that are untrue.

(9). Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review – Penn East Project – March 29, 2016

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She feels this is good news that things are being delayed.

(10).Letter from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation – Update on PennEast Pipeline

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer briefly reviewed.

**Horseshoe Bend Park – Update**  
**Pollinator Meadow Project – Update**

Sandra McNicol noted that she will be working on the signs for the Pollinator Meadow.

**Site Plan Review**  
**Update on Class II Minor Subdivison for Tumble Partnership LLP – Bloc 32, Lot 10/11.02**  
**Review Map Provided at the Meeting**

Sandra McNicol discussed what the Planning Board reviewed for this Minor Subdivision. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer asked if a “geological report” was required to be done? Lois Voronin and Diana Haywood noted that this has already been approved by the Planning Board.

**Open Space**  
**Sandra McNicol – Update on Open Space and Agricultural Meeting of April 5, 2016**

Open Space Chairwoman, Sandra McNicol gave a brief review of the meeting of April 5<sup>th</sup>. She explained there will be a dedication on Saturday, May 21, 2016. She explained that one of the members of the Open Space Committee offered to take on the planning of the event.

Sandra McNicol stated that the Zander property is being preserved and moving along. She briefly reviewed the Native Stream Clean Up, which went very well. She explained that Bob O’Neil made markers so the farmers will not plow down the work that has been done.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that the Storm water points need to be worked.

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Everyone expressed how happy that the bridge on Route 519 is open now.

Sandra McNicol stated she found a very interesting article on the Church Property, which she will share with the Commission Members.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Timothy Cahalin, seconded by Lois Voronin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary  
Kingwood Township