

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 23, 2016  
7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:41P.M. Vice Chairman David Posey 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 27, 2016. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 27, 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**

Gail Ashley  
Sandra McNicol  
David Posey  
Cynthia Niciecki  
Diana Haywood

**Absent**

Debbie Kratzer  
Timothy Cahalin  
Lois Voronin  
Willard Reasoner  
Joe Zgurzynski

**Public Comments/Privilege of the Floor**

No Comments

**Minutes**

(1). Approval of July 26, 2016 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Environmental Commission Regular meeting with the following correction:

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

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**Correspondence**

(2). DEP Seeks AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors for 2017

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the article.

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

Raritan Headwaters - "Morning Cal" Environmental Policy Meeting – Thursday, Sept 15, 2016  
8:00a.m. – 9:30a.m. Fairview Farm, Brick Cottage Meeting Room

ANJEC – Summit Conference –September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the upcoming meetings and workshops.

**Recycling News and Update**

Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol

Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol noted she would still like to consider cutting the days for the recycling to be open. She explained that there were 8 containers swapped in a month, which she stated is a lot. There was a suggestion for the DPW to have a button to open and close the gate when they leave the building when working on the roads during the day on the days it would be closed. It was discussed to possibly put up signs to say "Only for Kingwood Township Residents", which would limit it to only residents. Sandra McNicol explained that she will think about the signs again. She explained that the tonnage report has been completed and collected from all the businesses. She noted that she received a large amount for grease collected from some of the restaurants. She stated that the tonnage was about the same as last year.

She explained that she has an overwhelming amount of organizations calling her to sign up for a clean-up through Clean Communities funds. David Posey gave a few ideas, which would be that the organizations hand in information about their organization to qualify for the program.

**Reports**

(3). Copy of letter from the NJDEP – Re: Block 21, Lot 1 Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation – Extension

The Environmental Commission reviewed.

(4). Notice of Violation Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act - Block 39, Lot 22

The Environmental Commission reviewed.

(4a). Notice of Violation Follow-Up Coburn Block 16, Lot 15

The Environmental Commission reviewed.

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**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District**

(5). HCSCD – Block 19, Lot 19.02 – 170 Kingwood-Locktown Road, Stockton NJ - Notification

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the notification and the Commission talked about it.

(6). HCSCD – Block 15, Lot 8.02 Route 12 Business Park – Notification

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the notification and the Commission talked about it.

(7). HCSCD – Block 22, Lot 16 Hidden Orchard Estates – Notification

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the notification.

(8). HCSCD – Block 24, Lot 2 A.A. & G Builders – Breeze Point Crest – Notification

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the notification.

**New Business**

(9). Environmental Commission – Annual Report Draft

Chairman Debbie Kratzer was not present at the meeting this evening.  
This will be listed on next month's agenda.

**Water Testing for Arsenic and Boron - Update of Test Results**

There was a brief discussion regarding the results of everyone that had the free test taken, which was a mix of results. Sandra McNicol noted that Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer suggested inviting Steven Spade from the NJDEP to the next meeting in September to speak to everyone about the arsenic tests, the results and what is the best thing to do.

(10). Water Testing Discount Program – Quotes – Raritan Headwaters Association – Return Bottle Date  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Secretary Keller explained the correspondence she received this evening to share with the Environmental Commission from Raritan Headwaters Association. She explained that they are very excited to work with Kingwood Township and conduct the entire water testing. This is the only company that was interested in participating in the Discount Water Testing this year.

(11). Septic Cleaning Discount Program – Quote - Applied Waste Water Pumping  
(12). Septic Cleaning Discount Program – Quote – Castle Septic

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The Environmental Commission reviewed both quotes and compared the differences offered. They felt that Castle Septic Company offered a little more with the 200 feet hose at no charge, and the inspections they provide of the internal system.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Cynthia Niciecki and carried to choose Castle Septic Company for the Discount Septic Program for this year 2016.

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

**Old Business**

**Update on Chris Citgo**

Vice Chairman David Posey gave a brief report of what he knows. He feels that they will need to put monitoring wells on the property to clean up.

**Action Items:**

**Sustainable Jersey – Kingwood Green Team Update**

Timothy Cahalin was not present.

**MEL – Update**

**Update from Gail Ashley/Tim Cahalin**

David Posey noted if the Environmental Commission, receives petitions from at least 25 property owners bordering MEL, then we can ask the DEP to require that MEL provide the property owners and the Environmental Commission with information regarding the salt plume.

Gail Ashley noted speaking to some of the residents that were interested in speaking to the Environmental Commission. It was noted that only 3 to 4 people were interested and responded.

David Posey suggested writing a letter to the property owners near MEL and have the residents sign it. David Posey offered to write the letter for the residents to sign.

The Commission asked about the information obtained from Timothy Cahalin. Sandra McNicol noted that Timothy Cahalin has gone through quite a bit of the info he obtained, but he needs to write up a report on what he found for the Commission.

**Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc.**

Updates

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There was a discussion of a possible meeting to be scheduled in September at Franklin Township. Diana Haywood explained that Attorney Pierce has information to review at the next meeting.

### **Slacktown Well**

Update

There was a discussion regarding the capping of the wells on Slacktown Road. Secretary Keller to ask the Township Clerk to follow up on the capping of the wells as promised by the county.

### **PennEast Pipeline: - Update**

(DEIS) for the PennEast Project – Deadline Date for Comments to FERC – September 12, 2016

There was a brief discussion regarding encouraging the public to comment to FERC by September 12<sup>th</sup>. Sandra McNicol stated that if anyone has any questions to contact Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer.

(13). Letter of August 9, 2016 from Penn East – to FERC – Re: Response Regarding NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Status

Vice Chairman David Posey reviewed the letter of August 9, 2016 from the Penn East Pipeline to FERC. Sandra McNicol encouraged everyone to review the ERI for Penn East and ask any questions.

### **Horseshoe Bend Park – Update**

Pollinator Meadow Project – Update

Chairman Debbie Kratzer was not present to give an update.

### **Site Plan Review**

Sandra McNicol gave a brief update from the Planning Board. She explained a company who is new in the township has set up a business along Route 12. She explained that had several violations issued to them recently.

### **Open Space**

Sandy McNicol – No Meeting in August to Report

Sandra McNicol reported that there was no meeting in August to report.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Cynthia Niececki, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary