

**FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Meeting of December 14, 2015**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boynton at 7:30 pm.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:**

Notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice at the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg, and advertising in the New Jersey Herald and Express Times, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

**Attendance:**

**Present:** David Boynton, II, Alan DeCarolis, Tammy Beckenthal, Wendie Goetz, and Michael Tudor.

**Absent:** Christopher Kuhn, Dennis Lackovic, and Jim Simonetti.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Stock made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 23, 2015, seconded by Ms. Beckenthal—all in favor, aye.

**FFP Update:** Mr. Connor reported that The Land Conservancy applied for Green Acres funding today. He said that approximately \$50,000 was approved and that the funds would first be sent to The Land Conservancy, and that they would then forward the money to us. In addition, he stated that The Land Conservancy was still waiting for approval of \$400,000, which once received would be sent to us.

**Website:** Ms. Beckenthal stated that she would like to add the Commissions mission statement to the website .In addition she said that she would like to add some links to the site, such as: The Native Plant society of NJ. In conclusion she stated that she will do some research on appropriate links and will provide a list of her suggestions at the next meeting in January for discussion and approval. Mr. Stock stated that he is concerned that the website is not user friendly and feels that the website should be both PC and mobile user friendly.

**Sustainable New Jersey:** Ms. Goetz stated that she plans to present information regarding the reestablishment of Sustainable NJ membership and the formation of a green team to the township committee at their next meeting on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. She asked if she was able utilize the old resolution regarding Sustainable NJ. Mr. DeCarolis Stated that it would make sense, but suggested strongly that she check with an attorney if that is permissible.

**TPP Free Zone:** A brief summary was provided by Ms. Goetz. In addition, she stressed that it is vital for Frelinghuysen Township to become a TPP free zone in order to benefit township residents. Lastly, she stated that she would be providing information to the township committee members at their next meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> and invited members to attend.

**Public Comment:** Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to open the meeting to the public for comment, seconded by Ms. Goetz—all in favor, aye. Meeting opened to the public at 8:15.

The following dialogue took place:

Mr. Connor asked, "Who is responsible for bringing, the old resolution up to speed for Sustainable NJ/Green Team?"

Mr. DeCarolis responded, "If it is passed by the Town Council, Ed Wacks, esq. will then review it and write a draft. The following meeting it will be up for approval"

Mr. Connor responded, "If someone is assigned the action item to locate the old resolution, then we should know who that person is and whether or not they are actually following through."

Mr. DeCarolis responded, "That's why I am surprised it is not on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting. We will have that answered on Wednesday evening."

Ms. Goetz, said, "She spoke with the township clerk, Donna Zilberfarb, and was told that Sustainable NJ/Green Team would be on the agenda."

Mr. DeCarolis responded, "I talked with Donna today and know it is supposed to be on the agenda. The second thing Marty, if it is passed on Wednesday then, the resolution will be on the agenda next month for the Council to vote on it. I think if we use the old resolution and only have to make minor changes it would save taxpayers money."

Mr. Connor, responded, "I know a month ago, we talked about it; that someone was going to dig out the old resolution and here we are talking about it again this month."

Ms. Goetz asked, "Could I request that the Town council members bring a copy of the old resolution to the meeting?"

Mr. DeCarolis, responded, "You should ask Ed Wacks, esq. for a copy or I can call Brenda to determine if she knows where it is stored. You could also ask Hope Township about their resolution."

Ms. Goetz and Ms. Beckenthal responded, "Okay, we will do that."

Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Stock—all in favor, aye. Meeting closed for public comment at 8:34.

**Executive Session:** No action was taken.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Stock, seconded by Mr. DeCarolis to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Pamela Brady  
Environmental Commission Secretary