

Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission
Minutes of Meeting of January 25, 2016

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boynton at 7:36 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, Michael Tudor, and Jim Simonetti.

Absent: Christopher Kuhn, Dennis Lackovic, and Robert Stock.

Reorganization:

Vice-Chair: Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to nominate Mr. Stock as the vice-chair, seconded by Mr. Tudor—all in favor, aye.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2015, seconded by Ms. Beckenthal—all in favor, aye. Mr. Simonetti abstained.

Old Business:

FFP Update: Ms. Buttgerreit reported that due to the generosity and hard work of Mr. David Boynton, Sr. the interior of the lodge is painted. She also stated that an email would be sent out tonight to the FFP's list serve members providing the schedule of the upcoming work dates and in addition, the information will be posted on FFP's home page.

Website: Ms. Beckenthal requested that we table discussion for the next meeting. Mr. Tudor indicated that we should make note that the website is now mobile friendly.

Sustainable New Jersey: Ms. Goetz stated that she had presented information to the town council during their last meeting and that they will vote on the issue next month. Mr. DeCarolis said that he spoke to Ms. Zilberfarb, township clerk, and that it will be on the agenda for the February meeting. Ms. Goetz explained that she contacted Sustainable NJ to verify that they cannot influence municipal law regarding how any awarded program dollars are spent. Ms. Goetz suggested the possibility of establishing a community garden. Ms. Buttgerreit stated that FFP had previously posted information regarding the establishment of a community garden on their website and was unsuccessful in finding interested citizens.

TPP Free Zone: Ms. Goetz stated that she will be presenting information at the next town council meeting on February 7th. In addition, she provided a handout with New Jersey specific TPP information. Lastly, she stated that she would be in Newton, at the town square, from February 2nd to 4th to protest TPP and explained that there will be many worldwide protests, too.

New Business:

Property Easements: Mr. DeCarolis explained that the topic of easements has come up due to The Land Conservancy and Green Acres, as they had recently requested information regarding township and private property owners. A discussion regarding property easements ensued. Mr. Tudor stated that Mr. DeCarolis should be president of the United States of America, and requested that his statement is reflected in the minutes.

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 8:38. No comment. Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Tudor– all in favor, aye. Meeting closed for public comment at 8:39.

Executive Session: No action was taken.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Simonetti, seconded by Mr. Tudor to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brady
Environmental Commission Secretary