

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of February 23, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Donna Zilberfarb, Secretary, at 7:38 pm.

Announcement of Proper Notice

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: Alan DeCarolis, Maureen Cullen, Chris Jaronsky, Cliff Kimball and Jim Simonetti

Absent: Rich Dericks

Zoning Board: No one present

Resident Green Team Member: No one present

Reorganization

Maureen Cullen was appointed as the Chairperson by Mayor Charles.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to nominate Chris Jaronsky as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cliff Kimball, all in favor - aye.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to appoint Donna Zilberfarb as Secretary, seconded by Cliff Kimball, all in favor - aye.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to approve the 2011 calendar meeting dates, seconded by Cliff Kimball, all in favor - aye.

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the November 22, 2010 minutes, seconded by Maureen Cullen – all in favor, aye. Chris Jaronsky, Jim Simonetti and Cliff Kimball abstained.

Old Business

Sustainable New Jersey

- Tom Charles told of open space doing Sustainable Land Use Grants for Municipalities. He said that he believed that the land conservancy would be preparing all the background for Sustainable NJ to get us going. He also said if they aren't doing that then we need to look into hiring someone to do this so we can get moving on it.
- Donna Zilberfarb will reach out to Robin Randolph and find out exactly what the land conservancy is doing. If they are not working on sustainable NJ, Ms. Zilberfarb will get in touch with Darlene Jay of Maser and ask if this would be something that they can help us with.

New Business

- Ms. Zilberfarb handed a copy of the Environmental Ordinance to each member present.
- Ms. Zilberfarb told members about a joint meeting with Blairstown on March 16th and asked if anyone could attend. Chris Jaronsky, Jim Simonetti and Maureen Cullen will all attend.
- Maureen Cullen and Donna Zilberfarb will get something to the Township Committee in regards to a budget for 2011 for Environmental.
- Ms. Zilberfarb will submit the membership renewal for ANJEC.

- Mr. DeCarolis suggested that a letter be sent to Bill Bromirski for all of his hard work while on the board. Ms. Zilberfarb will send it.
- Mr. DeCarolis inquired about preservation and looking towards smaller tracts of land and not the bigger ones. Mayor Charles said that they look to critical areas that are contiguous with preserved areas. Mr. DeCarolis still questioned why purchasing them when those farms aren't going to be developed. Mayor Charles explained Open Space with preserving nature and Farmland with preserving for parcels to connect to preserve large tracts of land.

Planning Board Report (A. DeCarolis)

- Kevin Bailey is Chair and Bob Young is Vice Chair, Rita Bernstein is the Secretary.
- No subdivisions
- Solar ordinance is basically passed
- Route 94 zoning change from PO Zone to NC Zone.

Open Space Report (M. Cullen)

- Robin Randolph is Chair and Nancy Nicholoff is Vice Chair, Doreen Rutherford is the Secretary.
- Be Bear Aware program went well and was posted on website.
- Robin Randolph will be talking about abandoned roads.
- Joint meeting for February was cancelled.

Farmland Board Report (R. Dericks)

- Joint meeting for February was cancelled.

Zoning Board Report (D. Zilberfarb per B. Kleber)

- No meeting in February

Public Comment

- Mayor Charles thanked everyone for participating on the board. Wants all members to look over the ordinance and come back to next months meeting with some ideas for what needs to be done and what we should pursue.

Cliff Kimball inquired as to what has been done in the past and members discussed Sustainable NJ and our Natural Resource Inventory Guide. An ERI was handed to all members present.

Two new members were asked to join and they are Doreen Rutherford and Chris Koonz.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

- ANJEC Smart Growth Grant
- Electronic Waste Management Law - Question was asked regarding disposing of old solar panels. Ms. Zilberfarb will follow up with the DEP.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary