

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of May 23, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Cullen, Chair, at 7:33 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, Cliff Kimball, Chris Kuhn and Dave Cross

Absent: Chris Jaronsky and Jim Simonetti

Zoning Board: Shannon Drylie - excused from meeting

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the revised April 25, 2011 minutes, seconded by Cliff Kimball – all in favor, aye. Dave Cross abstained.

Public Comment

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey

- There was a meeting held on May 18th with Nancy Nicholoff, Wendy Buttgerreit and Donna Zilberfarb. Ms. Zilberfarb gave an update on the meeting. Mr. DeCarolis stated that he wants all the members to be present at those meetings. Ms. Zilberfarb will bring this up to Ms. Nicholoff.

Joint Meeting

- There will be a joint meeting with Blairstown regarding the Paulinskil River with surrounding towns on June 28th at 7:30 pm at the Blairstown Municipal building. All members of our commission are invited to attend.

Website

- Ms. Cullen gave all members a copy of the website page that she worked on. All members were asked to look at and give input (information or photos) at our next meeting.

Environmental Resource Inventory Guide

- Numerous questions arose from the ERI being completed. Mr. DeCarolis and Mr. Desiderio discussed Maser Consulting completing the ERI through the Mod 4. The commission has already contracted with The Land Conservancy to do the update for the ERI. The Grant that was submitted through ANJEC has not been determined as of our meeting date. Ms. Cullen will find out on the 31st of May if we've received the grant monies or not. This grant is a 50-50 matching grant. Ms. Zilberfarb gave some background as to the grant being written with Open Space and why we were included in their grant application. After much discussion, the commission decided to go with Maser consulting.

A motion was made by Chris Kuhn to send a letter to the Township Committee recommending that we use Maser Consulting to do our ERI update through Mod 4 and cancel The Land Conservancy to update it, seconded by Cliff Kimball, all in favor - aye. Alan DeCarolis abstained.

Ms. Cullen will write a letter to the Township Committee prior to their next meeting.

New Business

- Founders Day - Will be held on June 4, 2011 from 1 to 6. The commission will have a table set up displaying an environ-scape with Chris Trainor, the watershed ambassador, and also have various other pamphlets and information.
- New member Dave Cross was present at meeting. Both members, Mr. Cross and Mr. Kuhn were asked to meet with Brenda to be sworn in.
- All members received paperwork in ANJEC classes that they can take. All members were asked to get back to Ms. Zilberfarb if interested in taking any of the classes.

Correspondence

- All correspondence was reviewed.

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 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary