

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of December 28, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Shelley Scoleri , Chairperson, at 7:31 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: Shelley Scoleri, Bill Crone, Pat Fleno, Alan DeCarolis, Rich Dericks , Bill Bromirski and Maureen Cullen

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the September 28, 2009 minutes, seconded by Bill Crone – all in favor, aye. Pat Fleno abstained.

Public Comment

Old Business

Website

- Ms. Scoleri gave information to Brenda Kleber at the township committee meeting and is waiting to hear back from them. Ms. Scoleri will follow up with Ms. Kleber and get back to someone on the committee.

Sustainable New Jersey

- Mr. DeCarolis attended the League of Municipalities in November and said that 3 towns are already signed up. All we need is a resolution from the Township Council by next month. Once the resolution is passed then Frelinghuysen will be ready to join and move forward.

New Business

- Chair, Shelley Scoleri, has put in her resignation from the board and it has been accepted by the Township Committee. Ms. Scoleri said she would like to come back again in the future but the timing is not good right now for her.
- In November, Mr. John Hough of #4 Waisagan Road (on the corner of Waisagan and Route 94) - Blairstown, attended the meeting and expressed his concern on the run off from two adjacent properties located in Frelinghuysen. Committee member Richard Dericks met with Mr. Hough on the site on December 4th. Mr. Hough claims that a new horse stable on one lot, and a new home on an adjacent lot are causing a problem. In order to build the new home a natural barrier consisting of a stone wall and trees was removed, increasing the run off on to the road. This flows to a catch basin, then under the road thru a 10" diameter pipe terminating on the area near Mr. Hough's driveway. The horse stable on the second property is spreading manure on a steep hill directly above the road. This also flows thru the same pipe.

Besides washing out his driveway, the water flows to a small stocked pond on his property. Algea has increased, and he feels it is being contaminated. Mr. Hough is requesting that the water be diverted.

Mr. DeCarolis and Mr. Crone will look into this matter further and report back at the January meeting.

Planning Board Report (P. Fleno)

- General discussions ongoing regarding wind turbines and solar panels.

Open Space & NJ Forestry Management Report (M. Cullen)

- Forestry Mgmt - Ms. Randolph is requesting up to \$7,000 from a grant from the small business stimulus fund.
- Chipper party - At the school they cut and stacked the wood the road department will chip during the school break.
- Sending recommendation to the Township Committee requesting the renewal of the Land Conservancy contract - no price change for 2010.
- An environmental assessment has been completed on the Reisberg property, Mr. Reisberg will be liable for any cleanup within this area.
- The Township Committee approved the Landowner Appraisal agreement form.
- November 8th took walk on the Dark Moon Road.

Zoning Board Report

- Finch landscaping - a variance has been granted but is now in the attorney's hands.

Correspondence

- None

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Rich Dericks to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary