

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of February 23, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Shelley Scoleri , Chairperson, at 7:35 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 Star Gazette, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

Attendance

Present: Shelley Scoleri, Alan DeCarolis, Rich Dericks , Lore Billing, Bill Bromirski and Maureen Cullen (7:39)

Absent: Bill Crone and Russ Walters

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the revised January 26, 2009 minutes, seconded by Rich Dericks – all in favor, aye.

Public Comment

Old Business

Superfund Cleanup – Greendell road

- Bill Bromirski has put calls into the DEP and is waiting to hear back from them. Mr. Bromirski will be more aggressive this next week on following up with them. Mr. Bromirski inquired if he could walk the site and it was recommended that he go with Frank Desiderio but will need to obtain permission first. He plans to go to the DEP to review the records. Mr. Bromirski would also like to get in touch with the owner. Mr. DeCarolis will get him a phone number this week for him to contact someone.

Recycling Containers

- Frank Desiderio will be putting a separate recycling barrel at the fields in back of the town hall. Maureen Cullen spoke with Dr. Klett, the superintendent of the elementary school, regarding obtaining some recycling containers for the fields outside on the school grounds. Dr. Klett said that the can needed to be chained to the fence, prefers a bear proof can and wants to know who will empty it. Mr. Desiderio said the road department will not do that and suggested writing a letter to the Board of Education regarding their recycling procedures. Ms. Scoleri will type a letter and send to the Township Committee for approval to send out.

Sustainable New Jersey

- Carry to March meeting

New Business

Solar Energy

- Alex Cornella and Sister Miriam MacGillis were invited to attend this meeting. Mr. Cornella attended the meeting to share his insights and knowledge with the commission members. Mr. Cornella has been utilizing solar panels for approximately 4 years. A copy of "A Proposal To Expand Net Metering To Enable Community Renewable Energy Projects in NJ" was given to all members present. He suggests starting with a municipal energy consumption audit and gave website to look into.

www.njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/local-government-energy-audit/local-government-energy-audit. Mr. Cornella stated that it takes approximately 7-9 years to pay off the system. It takes a lot of work and dedication to manage the system. Mr. Cornella works with residential solar power rather than industrial or municipal. He has a group that meets during the month. The next meeting is on February 25th at 7:00 pm and he invited the members to join the meeting. Mr. DeCarolis asked how Mr. Cornella got into the solar energy – how he found out about it. Mr. Cornella found out about it from Genesis Farms. Mr. Cornella would also like to see wind generators and solar panels on Route 94 by the school.

Mr. DeCarolis will be attending a seminar in March regarding solar energy in Hunterdon County and will bring back information to the commission members.

ANJEC Smart Planning Growth Grant

- Lore Billing spoke with Kerri Miller of ANJEC and is not sure this is a grant that we can utilize this year. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2009 and they have this specific grant every year. Ms. Billing took a copy of the Environmental Resource Guide and will look at it to see if we may want to revise it.

Ms. Billing will be attending a seminar in March given by ANJEC.

Planning Board Report (A. DeCarolis)

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Open Space Report (M. Cullen)

- Chipper party at the school to remove ailanthus trees, March 14th, alternate date March 21st.
- At Founders Day this year Open Space will have an informational table, set up and have an enviroscape demonstration.

Zoning Board Report (R. Walters)

- Russ Walters absent.

NJ Forestry Management Plan (B. Crone)

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed.

- Forestry Management Questions and Answers
- State of New Jersey – Forestry Management Status Report
- RAdata, Inc. – Water Sampling company
- French and Parrello – Warren County Bridge 09001 (Hess Road in Hardwick Township)

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 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary

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