

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of September 24, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Alan DeCarolis at 8:12 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: Rich Dericks, Alan DeCarolis, Maureen Cullen, Bill Crone, Bernita Radabaugh, Russ Walters and Sister Miriam MacGillis.

Absent: Ray Deloreto, Rick Smith and Shelly Scoleri.

Minutes

Sister Miriam made a motion to approve the June 25, 2007 minutes, seconded by Ms. Radabaugh – all in favor, aye. Russ Walters abstained.

Old Business

Superfund cleanup on Greendell Road

- Mr. Crone checked found out the owner of the site. The owner is Jack Lance and he has owned it for the past 20 years. Mr. Dericks will look into when they removed drums from the site and what was in them.

If the town had the ability to purchase the property, Sister Miriam mentioned that if the town owned the property the liability would be less or different. She will check into different Grants that would be available.

Planning Board Survey

- Robin Randolph, Leigh Kramer, and Nancy Nicholoff from Open Space Commission are looking at the suggestions given to them to make revisions for their October 3rd meeting. They will have a draft to the Planning Board on October 29th for their work session.

Conservation Easement Letter

- There were 88 conservation easement letters sent out to various land owners. Mr. Dericks was told that if they couldn't find the easement on the property maps and it wasn't on their deed then to disregard the letter. The disks that were made by Mr. Stiles are missing at the present time. Ms. Zilberfarb is looking into it.

New Business

- The Commission discussed ideas that they would like to pursue.
 - Solar Panels
 - Recycle
- An advertisement for recycling will be placed in the newsletter due to go out after elections in November.
- Sister Miriam handed to all members present copies of Post Carbon Cities to help promote saving energy. Proposed that we have solar panels on township buildings and farmers place in their fields. New Jersey and California lead the nation in solar energy. Also thought that when building new homes they should be south facing so solar panels could be utilized.

A motion was made by Alan DeCarolis to send a letter to the Township Committee and Frelinghuysen Township School recommending usage of solar panels for present and future use. Seconded by Maureen Cullen. All in favor, aye.

- Sister Miriam will be bringing a short film on energy conservation to the next meeting.
- Sister Miriam handed to all members present articles on straw houses.
- Rich Dericks will be attending the NJ Shade Tree Federation meeting in Cherry Hill on October 26, 2007.

Planning Board Report

- 3 deeds for Rogers properties were not finished.
- New application for James Alexander Corporation.
- Master Plan was approved and will be sent to Township Committee for 6 year plan.

Public Comment

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Ms. Radabaugh to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary