

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION- TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

DECEMBER 5, 2013

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Regular Meeting was held in the Manager's Conference room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Pogwist
Member(s) Von Gerichten, Lutz, Brody, Gaudette,
Alternate(s) None

Absent: Member(s) Colten, Amellio
Alternate(s) Rogoff, Theodora
Associate(s) Gulick, Grove

Others: Amanda Norakus, Secretary
Mary Johnson, Resident
Gillian Natanagara, Resident
Dave Stroebel, Resident

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:

Ray Pogwist announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall and filed in the office of the Township Clerk on June 7, 2013.

A motion to adopt the November 7, 2013 minutes with corrections was made by Laurel Von Gerichten and seconded by Fred Brody.

In Favor: Von Gerichten, Lutz, Brody, Gaudette
Opposed: None
Ineligible: None
Absent: Rogoff, Gulick, Colten, Grove, Theodora, Amellio

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Butterfly Initiative

The members discussed changes in butterfly migration. Host plants, such as milkweed, are needed to attract Monarch butterflies. Ideas were presented to explore grant opportunities in order to create such meadows in our town.

Planning Board

The members discussed their comments regarding how the Environmental Commission's comments are incorporated with Planning Board packets. It was discussed the necessity to determine what parameters are set in order to ensure all procedures are being followed. In the future, Ray Pogwist commented he would like our liaison, Fred Brody, read site reviews deemed significant during the Planning Board meetings.

DPW Director

The members shared their comments to meet with the new DPW director. This would allow the commission to present its programs and typical procedures. In addition, the members are interested in learning more about the director's experience with previous environmental programs.

Auditing Approved Site Developments

The members discussed following up on approved site developments, such as Heritage Village, in order to ensure proper storm water regulations are being pursued.

ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

1008 Grove Ave – Wetlands

Members discussed comments and concerns regarding a single family home being built on wetlands. The members will follow up for additional information as the Department of Environmental Protection reviews the area.

Storm Water Workshop - ANJEC

On February 25, 2014 the Environmental Commission will host the ANJEC workshop in the Ocean Township council chambers. The five towns that are impacted by the Whalepond Watershed will be invited to attend. The workshop seeks to discuss updating ordinances regarding storm water, brainstorm proactive approaches, and bring together each town to work together as a collective group.

Plan Review – None

Planning Board Update – The Planning Board is reviewing the Master Plan. The commission hopes to incorporate the sustainability element into the plan.

Concerns – None

Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Norakus
Secretary