

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

**JANUARY 16, 2014**

**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, Amellio  
Alternate(s) Theodora

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

**Others:** Andrew Brannen, Township Manager  
Amanda Norakus, Secretary  
Mary Johnson, Resident  
Gillian Natanagara, 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 January 9, 2014.

A motion to adopt the December, 5 2013 minutes with corrections was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Fred Brody.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Stormwater Workshop**

The stormwater workshop will be held February 18, 2014 between 6:30pm and 9:00pm. The members anticipate the workshop will result in awareness for how

stormwater regulations should be addressed. In addition, having a regional approach of interconnecting towns will bring together knowledge and support.

Fred Brody will be involved in a conference call to clarify details of the workshop such as an agenda, action items, and presentation type. Once finalized, Fred Brody will forward bullet items to secretary, Amanda Norakus. At that point the bullet points can be prepared for press release.

Ray Pogwist made a motion to allocate no more than \$100.00 for refreshments and supplies.

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

ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

### **Meeting with Township Manager**

The Deal Lake Project was discussed. Long Branch is involved with the National Fish and Wildlife grant. The Township of Ocean will follow Long Branch's lead and become involved with the grant. It will focus on small rehabilitation projects. For example, the project would look to repair a non-operating dam instead of completely replacing the dam.

### **1008 Grove Ave – Wetlands**

The members discussed with Township Manager Andrew Brannen, the wetland concern at 1008 Grove Ave. The members discussed with Mr. Brannen the environmental consultant letter received regarding the property. The commission will further discuss the topic when a determination from NJDEP is received. They discussed potential changes being implemented on wetlands to incorporate regulations into the construction permit process. In addition, the request for a list of township properties in order to inventory wetlands would be beneficial. The members discussed that DEP has rules on what is and is not deemed a wetland property. In general, small disconnected parcels of potential wetlands are not a pressing concern for DEP.

### **Sustainable Jersey**

Renee Amellio shared the documentation to be submitted to Sustainable Jersey. Enough points have been calculated to maintain the Township's status and possibly move a level up.

### **Butterfly Garden**

Gillian Natanagara, resident, requested the commission follow up on the start up of this project. Gillian also volunteered her time to the project.

**Plan Review** – None

**Planning Board Update** – None

**Concerns** – None

**Comments** – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Norakus  
Secretary