

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

November 6, 2014

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Regular Meeting was held in the Turner House Conference Room, Township Library, 701 Deal Road, Ocean Twp, NJ 07712 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Pogwist
Member(s) Von Gerichten, Colten, Brody, Lutz, Gaudette
Alternate(s)
Associate(s) Stroebel, Johnson

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

Others: Kate Maloney, Secretary

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 May 2, 2014.

A motion to adopt the October 2, 2014 minutes was made by Fred Brody and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Budget for 2015

Ray Pogwist explained that the 2015 Budget needed further review. Members discussed using the figures from last year's budget.

Waivers on Tree Counts

Members discussed the waivers on tree counts for Planning Board site review checklists. Ray Pogwist expressed concern over the process and informed members he will be looking into the specifics further.

1008 Grove Ave

Ray Pogwist explained to the members that the property of 1008 Grove Ave was still under review with the Environmental Protection Agency over the wetland issue.

Future of Ocean Twp. & Apple Farms

Chairman Pogwist introduced the topic of the Apple Farms to the members and expressed concern over how effectively residents are being informed of proposed projects in the township. Member, Fred Brody, gave members a brief history of the property and explained that the township has now approved the re-examination of the Master Plan which includes this property. Members discussed the need for a more effective outlet for residents to become aware of any/all projects in the township. Brody explained further that the township abides by all state laws in regards to informing residents of Board & Council meeting dates and cancellations. Members discussed better ways that the township could inform the residents of upcoming events and meetings. Associate, David Stroebel, described a communications outlet called “patch” that could be used as a better means of circulating information. Chairman Pogwist also suggested an email list or a ‘text blast’ to residents who would sign up for updates about the town’s meetings.

ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

Sustainable Jersey

Chairman Pogwist explained that the deadline to submit the final application was fast approaching. Member, Renee Amellio was working extremely hard to get all submissions together. He informed members he is working on the annual reports portion for 2011-2013.

Whale Pond Brook Watershed

Member, Fred Brody, updated members on the progress of the Whale Pond Brook Watershed. He explained that while the 5 towns agreed upon 20% coverage of costs, they did not receive the grant. He stated that there are other grants available that are being looked into.

Planning Board Update – None

Concerns – None

Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Maloney
Secretary