

# UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

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## *ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION*

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The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, Seabrook, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order and the following Notice was read:

This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield. In compliance with the The Open Public Meetings Act and a schedule of regular meetings Containing the time and location and date of each meeting was Posted in the Municipal Building at Seabrook, New Jersey, which Notice has remained so posted throughout the year and copies of The regular meetings have been mailed to The News of Cumberland County and filed with the Township Clerk in compliance with said Act.

Roll call was taken.

Those present were:

Members: Sandra Morrissey, Lynn Maun, Steven Smith, Ernest Holt, and Alternate: Caroline Owens.

Staff: Secretary, Teresa Warburton., and Liaison: John T. O'Neill, Sr.

Members absent: Blake Maloney, Eileen Clark, and Ken Lavine.

On motion of Lynn Maun, seconded by Caroline Owens to approve the minutes of July 6, 2011, unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The committee began a general discussion on establishing a Clean Water Committee – The charge of the committee is to begin implementing the recommendations in the Rutgers Upper Cohansey Watershed Restoration Plan. Caroline Owens suggested that we need to get key people on this committee who are knowledgeable about specific issues. An example of this would be someone from the County Health Department to address septic issues.

### **A. Correspondence–**

None

## **Minutes of Meeting**

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**B. Workshops**

1. Why are our trees dying? – September 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm Richard Buckley from Rutgers.
2. Water Workshop Tapped- the movie – November 7<sup>th</sup> 7 pm conducted by Lynn Maun.
3. Sandy Morrissey recently attended a workshop on the Southern Pine Beetle at Rutgers in Clayton given by Mark Vodack, PhD, Extension specialist in forestry.
- 4.

**C. Zone updates**

Caroline Owens – noticed that in several places that there are several abandoned vehicles. Also found a lot of new streets that I didn't know existed.

**D. Committee Reports**

- a. Planning Board/Zoning Board – No Report
- b. Master Plan Review Committee – No Report
- c. Recreation Commission – No Report.
- d. Economic Development – No Report.
- e. Open Space Advisory Committee – No Meeting.

**D. Unfinished Business**

- A. Comet Solar Development meeting is set for August 8, 2011 at 7pm.
- B. Table Cover was ordered.

**Review & Status of Development Application**

None

**Member's Comments**

Caroline Owens – received an email from Matt Blake of the American Littoral Society asking our Environmental Committee to help celebrate the Littoral Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 20.

Steve Smith – will talk to the farmer who mowed down a nice stand of milk weed the located along Love Lane. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has closed the quail season in the State of NJ since the quail are in such a decline.

**Public Comments**

Becky McCubbin –commented on the Solar panel site and the disturbance of the polluted soils.

Nancy Ridgeway – commented The Cumberland County Planning Board complimented the Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board on how they handled the court for Sunset Lake proposed project changes. Green acres bill was signed today by Governor Christie. The Cumberland County Planning Board will be adopting an Open Space Resolution on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in October at 2:30 pm at the Commerce Street Administration Building if anyone would like to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ernest Holt, seconded by Steve Smith to adjourn at 8:45 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton  
Secretary