

# UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 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: Blake Maloney, Sandra Morrissey, Lynn Maun, Steven Smith, Ken Lavine, and Alternates: Caroline Owens and William Waterman.

Members absent: Eileen Clark.

Staff: Secretary, Teresa Warburton., Liaisons: John T. O'Neill, Sr. and Bruce Peterson.

On motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Sandy Morrissey to approve the minutes of November 7, 2012, unanimously carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Goals for 2013 – revise goal updates and have ready for January 9, 2013 meeting.
- B. County Wastewater Management Plan – Blake Maloney gave an overview of the Wastewater Management plan and informed the commission that a meeting will be held 12/11/12 at the Cumberland County 4-H center at 6:30pm.
- C. Budget discussion for 2013 – on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Lynn Maun to keep the budget the same for 2013. Future projects to do in 2013 would be walking trail and foot bridge at the sports complex area to connect with the Upper Deerfield Township Wildlife Nature Preserve, and the 100 acre open space on Irving Avenue to see if possible to do a walking trail in that area.
- D. Correspondence – Anjec Capital Day January 11, 2013 please let Teresa Warburton know if you would like to attend so she can get you registered for the event.
- E. Funding for preservation of land in Cumberland County – Matt Pisarski commented that for the 57 pending applications the county would need the funding for 2013. Matt Pisarski also commented that the farmers have been using the program for over the past 10 years since it does help them with funding. Lynn Maun suggested that Upper Deerfield Township follow suit with the County on the Referendum vote for 2013. Blake Maloney will follow up with Roy Spoltore on more details for the Township Committee.
- F. Legislative Issues – Bill Waterman reported that no new emails have been received everything that was opposed are now vetoed. Sandy Morrissey reported that bills 2246, 2247 and 2248 were approved by the Senate and will provide \$123 million in Green Acres funding for open space projects across the state. Presently these bills are awaiting approval by the full General Assembly.

- G. Workshops – Workshop committee to get together after the holidays and will report at a later date for the 2013 workshop schedule.

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H. Zone updates – None.

I. Committee Reports

1. Planning board/Zoning Board –No Report.  
Sub-committee on Open Space/Vacant land – No Report.
2. Recreation Commission – football complex need to police their complex with the trash accumulation.
3. Economic Development – No Report.
4. Open Space Advisory Committee – On Hold No Report.
5. Site Plan Review Committee – No Report.
6. Cohansey Area Watershed Association – Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2012 at 10 am at the Sheppard House.
7. Unfinished Business – Response to outdoor wood boiler stove use - Presentation to be made at the 12/17/12 meeting on the Outdoor Wood Boilers research. Storm drain letter to be prepared for Township Public Works. Annual Report discussion – Sandy will prepare annual report for 2012.

### **Review & Status of Development Application**

None

### **Member's Comments**

Blake Maloney – Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Again it has been a busy year and we got a lot of things completed and will continue to follow thru in 2013 as well.

Bill Waterman – commented to follow up on the adopt a road on the municipal level can we also add storm drains to that list for clean up as well?

Lynn Maun – would like to see the township committee recognize the Bridgeton High School Clubs since they have been actively involved in the Wildlife Nature Preserve clean up project in our next newsletter and also send copies to the school for their viewing. Also, Anjec hired a consulting company and is holding focus groups as to where they are and where they are going in the future.

Caroline Owens – prepared a Thank You letter from the Upper Deerfield Environmental Commission for the Upper Deerfield Wildlife Nature Preserve clean up for each of the Bridgeton High School Clubs and other groups that participated in the clean up.

### **Public Comments**

Tom Connelly – the Rosenheyn Avenue is a beautiful wooded area and already has walking trails in them may just need to be cleaned up with all the storm activity lately.

Nancy Ridgeway – The Hopewell Township walking trail, the property owner has gotten his own appraisal and it came in just under 2 million dollars so it will be put on hold for awhile. I want to wish everyone very lovely holidays and see you next year.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by Caroline Owens to adjourn at 8:00 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton  
Secretary