

# 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, March 7, 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, Lynn Maun, Steven Smith, Ernest Holt, and Alternates: Caroline Owens and William Waterman.

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

Members absent: Sandra Morrissey, Ken Lavine, and Eileen Clark.

On motion of Lynn Maun, seconded by Steven Smith to approve the minutes of February 1, 2012, unanimously carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Anjec Notices – up and coming events – if you would like to attend any of the upcoming events notify Teresa Warburton so that she can get you registered for the event.
2. NJ Invasive Species Strike Team Web Site – Lynn will try to follow up.
3. Correspondence –

Letter to Township on trash cleanup at Munyon property. – cleanup is set for March 24<sup>th</sup> and volunteers from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and BHS students will be on site to help with the cleanup. Blake Maloney will draft a letter to request a new name for the Munyon Property, the proposed name will be Upper Deerfield Township Wildlife Nature Preserve.

Letter received from Planning Board Solicitor on outdoor wood boilers- on further research they are regulated by the DEP and UCC. The committee will research and report back at next meeting. Blake Maloney will draft up a response and obtain copies of the UCC regulations packet given to the applicants who apply.

4. Legislative Issues – permit extension act S743/A1338 for developers projects from 2007 would not need to be extended until 2014 with this bill.

5. Workshops

Workshop Committee update – no new updates.

Backyard Habitat set for March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Senior Center. No refreshments for this workshop, will call local nurserymen to see if they will donate a native shrub or native seeds for door prize.

6. Zone updates –

Steve Smith – The County Mosquito Control is working on the upper Parsonage Run cleanup of undergrowth.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Planning board/Zoning Board – letter received on outdoor wood boilers.

- a. Sub-committee on Open Space/Vacant land – met a week ago and is looking at zoning to prevent future Sunset Lake Issues.

- b. Recreation Commission – No Report.

- c. Economic Development – No Report.

- d. Open Space Advisory Committee – No Report.

- e. Site Plan Review Committee – 56 Auto came before us in 2009 and our comments were directed toward storm water runoff, we have no new comments from previous comments in 2009. 1025 N. Pearl Street – Dollar General site wants to add a Retail beauty Supply store – No Comment.

- f. Cohansey River Watershed Task force – Blake and Caroline are actively involved in trying to get the group organized. The Outreach Committee is working on educating the residents on clean water. Septic System Maintenance will in turn improve the water quality issues.

- g. Master Plan Review – No updates since last meeting.

8. Unfinished Business –

Trash and debris project – updated draft of the ordinance is being worked on by the Township Committee for handouts and notification to be done at the facility.

Newsletter is to be sent out soon – Caroline sent in for septic system maintenance, fertilizer application.

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

Discussed under site plan review.

### **Member's Comments**

William Waterman – Sunset lake area houses are going up for sale now, there are three on West Sunset Pine Drive listed now and there are currently 800 homes in Cumberland County for sale.

Steve Smith – commented that he services the lift station at the rear of the McDonald's property and trash is everywhere. The Padgett Funeral Home lift station and Wal-Mart bus stop has trash everywhere even along the hedge rows. The Tot lot on N. Park Drive needs some attention for clean up as well Steve will follow up with David Rogers from public works to address the clean-up of the tot lot.

### **Public Comments**

Becky McCubbin – commented on the tot lot I have personally gone and started piles of brush to be moved there are leaves to be blown out , the ivy needs to be cleaned up and poles need to be remounted. People have gone in and raked up the lot and removed debris, it is an eye sore. I would like to see someone maintain and love the tot lot so kids in the area can enjoy it.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Steven Smith, seconded by William Waterman to adjourn at 8:35 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton  
Secretary

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