

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
Alloway, Hopewell and Upper Deerfield Townships
and the Bostwick Lake Commission
Monday August 30, 2010
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: James Crilley, Mayor, Upper Deerfield Township

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: James P. Crilley

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was sent to The News of Cumberland County, The Press of Atlantic City and Today's Sunbeam on August 17, 2010 and subsequently published 48 hours prior to special meeting in each of the newspapers. In addition, a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in each of the Municipal Buildings and filed in the offices of the Municipal Clerk's on aforementioned date. Notice on the bulletin boards have remained continuously posted.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Bostwick Lake Commission; Blake Maloney. Melissa Mooneyham
Alloway Township; Mayor Ed Masker, Committeeman William (Rex) Cobb, Clerk Mary Lou Rutherford

Upper Deerfield Township; Mayor James Crilley, Committeemen Bruce Peterson, John Daddario, John O'Neil, Solicitor Ted Baker, Clerk Roy Spoltore

Hopewell Township; Mayor Bruce Hankins, Committeemen Greg Facemyer, Paul Ritter, Joseph Shoemaker, Committeewoman Robin Freitag, Solicitor T. Henry Ritter, Clerk Eugene Daddario

FLAG SALUTE

COMMISSION PRESENTATION: Blake Maloney gave a brief recent history of Bostwick Lake explaining that the Dam was recently repaired after 10 years of no water in the lake. With revitalization of the lake came renewed interest in rental of the existing campsites. Rents were raised from \$450.00 to \$750.00 per season. Benches, tables, etc. were made available to the Bostwick Lake Commission through a grant from the Cumberland County Improvement Authority. Mr. Maloney stressed the need for future improvements if the rental of campsites were to continue. He also noted that increased revenue would be needed either through increased rental fees or through funds coming from the participating Townships.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES: Mayor Crilley asked each individual township and their representatives to voice an opinion on their future vision for Bostwick Lake and future direction for The Bostwick Lake Commission.

General consensus from all officials is that the present operation of the lake as a campground site is not self sustaining and not the best use of the site for the majority of residents in the three

townships. If the campsites were eliminated, many of the related expenses would also be eliminated.

At 4:47 pm, Mayor Crilley opened the meeting to June Bostwick, who lived at the lake for 15 years, posed this question to the township officials. "How do you benefit the most people for the least amount of cost?"

Laurie Callahan noted that if trailers complied with the 10 foot setback requirements, many would have to be moved.

Kathy Gandy, from the Cumberland County Health Department, stated that the site is not approved as a campground and that compliance would incur additional costs.

Several neighbors and residents including Bruce Cobb, Eileen Clark, Jacob Cobb, Ernest Holt, Marilyn Patterson and Matt Callahan, repeated their preference to see the lake transformed to a park, assessable to all residents as opposed to a campground to benefit a few.

At 5:22 pm, Mayor Crilley closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting

T. Henry Ritter, Hopewell Township Solicitor, advised that the statute under which The Bostwick Lake Commission was originally established was repealed in 2007. He is of the opinion that the Commission would have to reorganize under the current statute. He suggested that Ted Baker, solicitor for Upper Deerfield, also review the statute to concur with his opinion.

Each of the Township Committee members from all three municipalities were given the opportunity to express their vision for the future of Bostwick Lake and they unanimously agreed that the campsites should be closed at the conclusion of the 2010 season. The final consensus reached by the three Township Committees was to pass a resolution at their next meeting recommending that the Bostwick Lake Commissioners move to discontinue campsite rentals after the 2010 season and that the Commission begin preparing plans to bring before the Township Committees to operate Bostwick Lake as a Park.

At 6:04 pm, Mayor Crilley adjourned the meeting