

# 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 4, 2013 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 South Jersey Times 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, Ken Lavine, Caroline Owens, Eileen Clark, and Alternates: William Waterman.

Members absent: Steven Smith, and Alternate: Jack Waselik.

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

On motion of Lynn Maun, seconded by Ken Lavine to approve the minutes of November 6, 2013, unanimously carried

### New Business

None

1. Sharing of environmental observation around township -

None

2. Correspondence –

Blake Maloney – the Cumberland County Planning Board did a resolution to support finding ways to funding sources for the purchase of property for open space.

Eileen Clark – commented that the CCPB approved it to go to the freeholders if it comes about it would be for the purchase of approx. 200 acres of land in Upper Deerfield Township, we are trying to keep it quiet.

3. Legislative Issues:  
None.
4. Workshops/Activities
  - a) if any one has any ideas get them over to the workshop committee for the upcoming year.
5. Committee Reports
  - A) Planning Board/Zoning Board – Eileen Clark commented that the Planning Board did not have a meeting in
  - b) Recreation Commission – No Report.
  - c) Cohansey Area Watershed Association – Blake Maloney reported that the next meeting is 12/12/13 at 10am at the Sheppard House, mussel restoration for the fresh water mussels are water filters presentation and students will also be there. The Cumberland County Health Department has continued to test the water at Sunset Lake which still shows fecal matter from animals deer, geese, etc. and sunset lake is not healthy enough to improve the eco system. Bill Waterman – 11/16/13 Sea breeze cleanup went well 14 students and other adult volunteers Renee from Littoral Society.

Unfinished Business –

Need to get information on updating the ERI, Lynn Maun I was not real on board with that but after today I am in support. The data shows that the ranking has changed over near Silver Lake and had a high criteria and current data shows it as a lower ranking.

**Review & Status of Development Application**

K & E Holding Fox & Centerton Road Lots 707/2 & 5 – Sandy will prepare the comments that the commission has and forward to Vicki Vagnarelli.

SBS Energy – increase 8 acres more – No comments.

**Member's Comments**

Blake Maloney commented that at the convenience center we have some activity of clearing. Mr. Peterson commented that the clearing will be helping to improve the traffic flow, replacing the dilapidated building with new building over the next few years.

Lynn Maun commented that the Anjec workshop on storm water basins and dealing with them differently was put on by Camden County Soil Conservation district and how to transform them into wildlife habitats. Rain Garden type plants with volunteers to plant these basins are not working properly and helps with the proper flowing of the detention/retention basins, and the creating of a butterfly garden with benches for people to view as well..

**Public Comments**

Nancy Ridgway – commented for everyone to have a Merry Christmas, I'll see you next year.

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Ken Lavine, seconded by William Waterman to adjourn at 7:55 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton  
Secretary

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