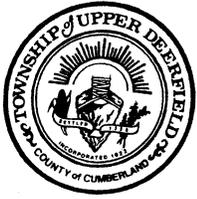


UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Upper Deerfield was held on Wednesday, February 6, 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, Caroline Owens, Steven Smith, Eileen Clark, and Alternate: Jack Waselik.

Members Absent: Ken Lavine, and Alternate: William Waterman

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

On motion of Sandy Morrissey, seconded by Jack Waselik to approve the minutes of January 9, 2013, unanimously carried

New Business

1. Sharing of environmental observation around township -

Steve Smith commented that there is roadside trash everywhere.

2. Correspondence –

- a) Anjec webinar –Partnering for Wildlife Habitat on Feb. 12 from 7 to 8pm. Please let Teresa know if you will attend so she can get you registered.
- b) Anjec Environmental Commission Networking Event on Feb. 25th from 6 to 8 pm. Please let Teresa know if you will attend so she can get you registered.
- c) Anjec Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions – March 16th from 9-1:30 pm.

3. Legislative Issues

- a) Sandy Morrissey discussed S2376 – Lifting the moratorium on horseshoe crabs bill is sponsored by Van Drew. Senator Van Drew would like to repeal the moratorium despite the lack of evidence of restoration of the horseshoe crab. Caroline Owens said scientists estimate that as much as 50 percent of prime horseshoe crab habitat has been lost in the Delaware Bay as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The Commission opposes this bill. Lynn Maun will write a letter voicing the Commission's opinion on this bill.
- b) Sandy Morrissey - A2123 – NJ Water Quality Institute – This bill (sponsored by Assemblymen Burzichelli) will increase the Drinking Water Quality Institute membership from 15 to 18. The extra 3 members would be from industry and commerce. Burzichelli believes the industry needs to have greater input in the process. The Institutes makes recommendations to the DEP on water standards. Discussion ensued with some members in support, some members opposed, and some members wanted more time to research the bill. It was then decided that the Commission would take “No Position” on this bill.

4. Workshops/Goals

- a) Workshop committee – Sandy Morrissey prepared a list of dates and times of the upcoming workshops for 2013. The committee tabled the honorarium fee till next meeting for Dave Robinson on Climate Change workshop. On motion of Eileen Clark, seconded by Steve Smith to approve workshops for 2013 as submitted

5. Committee Reports

- A) Planning board/Zoning Board – Jack Waselik reported that the outdoor wood burning boiler was approved at the last meeting.
- b) Recreation Commission – No Report.
- c) Economic Development – No Report.
- d) Open Space Advisory Committee – No Report.
- e) Cohansey Area Watershed Association – Blake reported that the next meeting is set for 2/7/13 at 10 am. The DEP has done additional testing and will explain their findings to date.

6. Unfinished Business –

- a) Outdoor Wood Boiler –Sandy Morrissey discussed there was a misinterpretation of an email that she and Lynn Maun received. As a result, they did not attend the Planning Board meeting of 1/14/13. Arrangements will be made to attend and distribute the report at a future Planning Board Meeting.

Review & Status of Development Application

2941 Big Oak Road, LLC – minor subdivision – No comments.

Member's Comments

Steve Smith – SJ Quail Project – the red knott restoration produced a plan for restoration of the Bob White Quail, would like to do a 15 min. **presentation on restoration for Cumberland and Salem County to get our support for restoration legislation,**

Eileen Clark – Downe Township has recently started an Environmental Commission.

Caroline Owens – asked about #7 **on the goals for walking trail a suggestion was to set up committee. Blake asked for volunteers for a trail committee and the following agreed Sandy Morrissey, Caroline Owens, Steve Smith and Eileen Clark. They will schedule a meeting in the near future.**

Sandy Morrissey reported that the Anjec Annual Report **has been completed with the help of Caroline Owens. Teresa will mail a copy to ANJEC and the Township Committee.**

Public Comments

Tom Connelly – **Made reference to the wastewater plan of Salem they were having all their wastewater go to DuPont chamber where they use activated carbon for treatment. Papco has twice as much lighting on the property. Mr. O'Neill commented that those lights were changed the very next day to satisfy the residents affected by the lighting. Lowes is introducing a new light called the neighbor friendly light dark sky lighting to help address some lighting pollution.**

Nancy Ridgway – resident – the Atlantic City Press in the letter to the editor from 1/22/13 currently the assembly wants to move Fish, game and wildlife out **of DEP and put it in the Agricultural Department.**

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Eileen Clark, seconded by Steve Smith to adjourn at 8:30 pm, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Warburton
Secretary