

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 24, 2010  
7:30PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:37 P.M. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer called the meeting to order and read the following notice requirements.

**Notice Requirements**

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair, so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Debbie Kratzer  
Lois Voronin  
Sandy McNicol  
Gail Ashley  
Elaine Niemann

**Absent**

Joe Zgurzynski  
Richard Abbott  
Cynthia Niciecki  
David Posey

**Privilege of the Floor**

N/A

**Approval of the June 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Not enough members were present this evening to approve the minutes of June 22, 2010 at tonight's meeting. These minutes will be put on the agenda to be approved at the September 28, 2010 Environmental Commission Meeting.

**Approval of the July 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Motion and Adoption of July 27, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission

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It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by Gail Ashley and carried to adopt the July 27, 2010 Environmental Commission meeting minutes.

Comments: Gail Ashley noted that she was listed on the Roll Call in the beginning of the meeting as present and also absent. This will be corrected on the minutes. Gail Ashley was present at the meeting of July 27, 2010.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- D. Kratzer, L. Voronin, G. Ashley, S. McNicol
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- Elaine Niemann
	Absent	- C. Niciecki, D. Posey

### **Correspondence**

N/A

### **Reports**

Notice of Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 10-07-18-0829-40 re: 843 Route 12 West, Frenchtown NJ

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that this was due to chemicals, and it has been taken care of according to her research.

Notice of Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 10-08-02-1235-09 re: 971 Route 12 Hunterdon County

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She stated that this was regarding heating oil.

Notice from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consultants re: Wetland Permit #25 – 319 County Route 651, Block 33, Lot 14.02 R. Koester

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She stated that this is a permit for a failed septic system.

Copy of a Letter from the N.J.E.P. to Mr. Paul Ripley re: Remedial Action Report for 118 Byram Kingwood Road, Kingwood Twp. Block 37, Lot 16 and Copy of Notice of Intent to Terminate for : re 118 Byram Kingwood Rd. Block 37, Lot 16

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. The Commission members discussed all the reports. They noted that this was regarding an under ground storage tank. Chairwoman Kratzer stated that she will speak to David Posey on this matter.

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She stated that the D.E.P. is following up on the report and that Mr. Posey may be able to find out more information. Sandra McNicol stated that this is very close to their well and that something like this takes a very long time to get a remediation completed.

### **Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District**

N/A

### **Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki**

#### Cynthia Niciecki Recycling Report for August 2010

Cynthia Niciecki was not present at the meeting. There was no report for August. Gail Ashley was present at the Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> recycling day and reported that everything went well. Sandra McNicol reported that someone is throwing trash in the cardboard, and newspaper bin. There was a very lengthy discussion on the surveillance cameras at the Recycling Center, and if they could be activated to pick up the pictures of who may be the person throwing the trash. The Township will be considering ordering signs for the Recycling Center regarding cameras on the site.

#### Copy of Cynthia Niciecki's Letter to Go Out in Mailing

Everyone reviewed Cynthia Niciecki's letter and stated that she did a great job.

#### Volunteer for September 11, 2010

Sandra McNicol volunteered to help out on September 11<sup>th</sup> recycling Saturday.

The Commission members discussed the recycling ordinance for the Township, and also dispensers for recycling at the park. Lois Voronin suggested using our Clean Communities funds to put up disposal dispensers for baggies for dog droppings. The Commission members all agreed and thought it would be a great idea.

### **Old Business**

#### Open Space & Recreation Plan

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that a second draft has been sent out. She has been working with Planner David Banisch on the plan. She stated that he needs to add the survey results to the draft. She asked the Commission members if they had any comments on the plan before she completes her part to give to David Banisch. Elaine Niemann had a few minor corrections, and suggestions that she went over with Debbie Kratzer.

#### Sustainable Jersey Program – Update

No update at this time.

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#### Deer Overpopulation – Update

Sandra McNicol reported that there will be another meeting at the South Branch Watershed round table. The topic is called “Overpopulation of the Deer”. This will take place at the Echo Hill Park in September. Chairwoman D. Kratzer asked Sandra McNicol to send everyone the information regarding the meeting in case anyone would like to attend. The Commission had a very lengthy discussion on the bears that have been seen in the nearby Townships. They also discussed different experiences they have had on the trail walks, and the benefits of learning about nature’s habitats.

#### Maintenance of trail on Township property between school and park

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that a subcommittee will get together in September to discuss the plans for maintaining the trail.

#### Draft Solar Ordinance – Comments

The Commission members all commented on the solar ordinance. Lois Voronin stated that it sounds very good. It was discussed that this will probably be sent to the Planning Board to review again before being sent to the Township Committee for introduction.

#### **New Business**

N/A

#### **Action Items:**

#### Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews

No site plan review this month. Sandra McNicol did discuss a wetlands application regarding the Cacciabauda property. She explained that David Posey obtained plats to review. She will be reviewing them with Mr. Posey. She did recommend that situations like this may need to go to the Planning Board for review.

Elaine Niemann noted that she will bring up at a future County Planning Board meeting the subject of driveway entryways, and obtaining permits for residents that are in a wetlands area. She would like to get their opinion on what the Township should be doing.

#### Community Day (September 18, 2010)

The Commission members discussed the schedule of members to be at the table and the time to setup. Everyone agreed to meet at 11:30A.M. for setting up. The Commission plans to take turns at the table throughout the day.

Lois Voronin stated that everything is ready for the discount water and septic testing.

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At 9:05PM Lois Voronin left the meeting.

#### Wastewater Management Plan

No update at this time. Elaine Niemann explained that several ordinances will need to be introduced in the next few months. The Environmental Commission members requested to review the ordinances before being sent to the Township Committee for adoption.

#### MEL – Updates

No new updates.

#### Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team

Sandra McNicol handed out a memo she sent to Michael Van Clef from Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team regarding the Kingwood Township Environmental Commission becoming project partners. Everyone thanked Sandra on the nice job she did with the memo.

#### Open Space

##### No Meeting for the Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Committees in August

Sandra McNicol noted that there was no meeting in August for the Open Space/Ag Advisory Committees. She did want everyone to know that on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> the Open Space Advisory Committee will be having another hike. She stated they are not sure yet where it will be, but she will let everyone know of the time and place when it is decided.

Elaine Niemann mentioned that the Newsletter the (Kingwood Chronicle) will be going out in the mail to all the residents soon. She reviewed everything that the Environmental Commission has done during the year, and will be doing on Community day. She wanted comments from the Commission members, and asked if they had anything to add. They stated that everything sounds good to put into the letter.

There was a discussion regarding the arsenic test that was done a few months ago through the Environmental Commission.

#### Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor

N/A

#### Adjournment

It was moved by Gail Ashley, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25PM. All voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

**Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Keller**