

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 25, 2011  
7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:40P.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 3, 2011, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Star Ledger, and the Express Times on February 1, 2011. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Post Office on February 1, 2011.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Commission, 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  
Sandra McNicol  
David Posey  
Cynthia Niciecki  
Elaine Niemann

**Absent**

Richard Abbott  
Joseph Zgurzynski  
Gail Ashley

(1).

**Approval of the September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes (carried from last month)**

**Motion and Adoption of September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol , seconded by David Posey and carried to approve the September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission.

Comments: None

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Voronin, MacNicol, Posey, Niciecki</b>
<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Ashley</b>

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**Correspondence**

**(2). (Save the Date) New Jersey's Water Infrastructure: When Success is the Only Option  
Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:00am – 1:00pm**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She noted that comments will be open until December 31, 2011. She stated that the Commission could send comments from the Environmental Commission for recommendations for them to discuss at the meeting. She suggested that it would be a good idea to send comments concerning the subject of how to protect ground water.

**(3). Melnyk Dedication Announcement**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**Reports**

**(4). Copy of Letter from Thomas D. Norkevich re: Block 41, Lot 9.01- Notification that Owner has applied to the NJDEP for a Letter of Interpretation for Regulatory Line Verification**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the letter of notification from the wetland and soil investigation company.

**(5). Copy of Notice sent to the Twp. from the NJDEP Regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification – 137 Hampton Road**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**Copy of Notice Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 11-10-11-1535-23**

The Commission reviewed the notification report.

**Copy of Notice Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number 11-10-11-1535-23 re: 500 Barbertown Point Brz. Rd.**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that the report was an incident that occurred at M.E.L. Chemicals Inc. It was noted that it was a radioactive material. The Commission will be looking into this further.

**Letter from the DEP re: Remedial Action Work Plan Approval – Permit By Rule IPC Injection 35 Byram Kingwood Road**

The Commission Members reviewed and stated that they would like to find out more about the injectable peroxygen compounds, and why it is used. David Posey offered to look into this further.

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**(6). Copy of Notice sent to the Twp. from the NJDEP Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program – Block 8, Lot 8.05 – 365 Oak Grove Road**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She noted that there is no further action to be taken.

**Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District**

N/A

(7).

**Recycling Update/Coordinator Cynthia Niciecki**

Cynthia Niciecki Recycling Report for October 2011

Cynthia Niciecki read aloud the following Report for October:

**October 21, 2011 Kingwood Recycling Coordinator's Report**

First I want to thank Gail's husband Jerry for helping me on Recycling Day this month.

The Electronics Container was emptied by Donjon Recycling this month.

I sent in the Quarterly Municipal Recycling Monitoring Report to the County covering the third quarter of 2011.

The Commission Members thanked Cynthia Niciecki for her report.

Debbie Kratzer reviewed a document she received from Cynthia Niciecki from the Colgate Paper Stock Company, and stated that this is where recyclables are brought by companies like Raritan Valley Disposal. Debbie Kratzer reviewed the list of things that are accepted and what is not. She stated that these items will be added to the list on Kingwood's recycling flyer, and noted that she will make the changes.

**Volunteer Needed for November, 2011**

Sandra McNicol offered to volunteer for November's recycling. David Posey offered to be a backup for that day if Sandra cannot make it that day.

**Old Business**

**New Camera's for the Recycling Center – Update**

Secretary Keller explained that Doug Frey has agreed to work on the installation of the cameras at the recycling center on Union Road.

**Kingwood SEIA (Statement of Environmental Impact and Assessment) and Threatened and Endangered Ordinance Draft – Update**

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Elaine Niemann noted that she will refer this to the planning board to review.

### **Old Business Continued**

#### **Driveway Procedures Update – Elaine Niemann**

Elaine Niemann noted that there was a complaint at the last Township Committee meeting regarding a the construction of a driveway and a water problem that needs to be addressed.

### **New Business**

#### **Rocket Composter – Update**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the information that Gail Ashley had e-mailed regarding the rocket composters. The Commission Members briefly reviewed.

### **Action Items**

#### **Environmental Commission Site Plan Reviews**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that there are no site plans to review at this time. Sandra McNicol reviewed a few items that the Planning Board is currently discussing.

Debbie Kratzer noted that she obtained a number for a contact person she will call to get more information about the grasses that could be planted by the solar panels.

#### **Sustainable Jersey Program – Update**

David Posey explained that he drafted a letter, which he sent to Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer to review. He reviewed what he would like to put in the letter to the school about the anti – idling initiative and where they can find more information on idling. David Posey asked the Commission Members what their thoughts would be on this idea. He stated that he and Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer will compose the letter together, bring it to next month’s meeting for the Commission to review before sending the letter to the school.

#### **NJ Invasive Species Strike Team**

N/A

#### **MEL – Update**

**“Salt Plume Supplemental Remediation Investigation Report and Proposal for Classification Exception Area”**

N/A

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Maintenance of Trail on Township Property - Between School and Park

The Commission Members noted that they will try to schedule a meeting this week with the Supervisor of the Department of Public Works Department, Mark Petro to discuss the maintenance of the trail.

Wastewater Management Plan – Update

The Commission members noted that they would like to table this for now.

**Open Space**

Open Space/Ag Advisory Committee Meeting Review of October 4, 2011 – Sandra McNicol

Sandra McNicol discussed the Dedication of the Melnyk Property that was on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM. She stated that it was very nice and several residents of the Township attended. She noted that on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, approximately about 30 people in the Township showed up for a cleanup day on the trails at the new Horseshoe Bend Park. She explained that they built a dam to divert the water and how the trails are now marked with colored signs. She discussed the eroded areas from all the water damage. She had suggestions of moving the trail a bit to save the drainage of the water around the tree roots. Elaine Niemann talked about several ways it may be possible to save the trails. Sandra McNicol reviewed the recent hike that the Open Space Advisory Committee had on October 8<sup>th</sup>, that was at the Horseshoe Bend Park. She noted that about 20 people showed up for the hike.

Elaine Niemann stated that the Hunterdon County Planning Board will be having a breakfast and meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, for anyone who would be interested in attending. She reviewed what will be discussed at the meeting. Elaine Niemann noted that she will be attending the meeting herself, and she will bring back information for the Commission.

Debbie Kratzer asked about the Township's planning board and what they will be working on in the future. Sandra McNicol and Elaine Niemann explained that they will be talking about the reexamination report. Debbie Kratzer discussed what may be needed in the report. Sandra McNicol stated that she will send a copy of the memo from Banisch Associates, which summarizes the different sections of the periodic reexamination report. She noted that this may affect the zoning, the gateway corridor and other aspects of the Township, which may have the potential to have changes.

Debbie Kratzer noted that she had gone out with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to help out with another project they are working on for a report.

Sandra McNicol stated that one day she noticed that there was about 30 feet of unknown liquid coming from Franklin Township along Route 12. She explained that she asked the workers by the liquid what they were doing. She stated that they said they were measuring the skid factor on the road.

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Secretary Keller reminded everyone of the date for the next meeting in November.

**NOTE: NOVEMBER'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

**Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

N/A

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol, seconded by David Posey and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM. All voted Aye on **Roll Call Vote**.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia Keller  
Secretary**