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### **Correspondence**

#### **(2). Copy of Memo to Township Committee Re: Support for Hunting on Twp. Properties**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

There was a discussion on an article Cynthia Niciecki sent to everyone called “White-Tailed Deer Management/Sanctuaries for Deer on Your Property.”

Cynthia Niciecki expressed her opinion regarding hunting on the property that the township has recently purchase called the Horseshoe Bend East. She requested to the Township Committee and to the Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committees that there be no hunting on the property. She stated this property was formerly called the “Sanctuary” or “Church” property and there was never hunting allowed on the grounds. She would like to see it stay that way. She feels there should be an area where the animals can feel safe and secure. Diana Haywood explained that the Township Committee allowing only one hunter for each season on the Horseshoe Bend East property, which will limit the amount of hunting that will be on the property.

#### **(2a). DEP News Release – Drought Watch Issued for Most of Northern New Jersey**

There was a discussion regarding the DEP News Release and the drought watch issued for most of northern New Jersey. It stated that the DEP urges voluntary water-use reductions as dry conditions persist. The drought watch effects the Northeast, Northwest, and Central regions, which include all of Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties. The purpose of the drought watch is to raise public awareness, formally alert all water suppliers in the affected regions, and see volunteer cooperation to preserve existing supplies. The goal is to moderate demand should dry conditions persist. Lois Voronin explained how you can tell there is a drought by looking at the streams. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer stated that this information is valuable for the residents. She noted that she will post this information on Facebook and also on the township website.

### **Notice of upcoming meetings/workshops: Reminder of Dates**

#### **(3). Native Plant Society NJ – Special Meadow Tour – Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve – Saturday, August, 13, 2016 9:30a.m.**

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

### **Recycling News and Update**

#### **Update from Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol**

Recycling Coordinator Sandra McNicol noted that the Clean Communities report has been completed. She stated that she has spent approximately \$18,000 on Clean Communities using up the entire grant, plus an additional \$3,000 from previous years. She noted that three months ago she went to the county recycling meeting. She stated that not many of the other recycling centers have an open center for their residents. The other towns were surprised that Kingwood still allows this to be open to the residents during the week. She noted the last Clean-Up Day was in July on the second Saturday of the month. The next and last Clean-Up Day for the year will be the second Saturday in October on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Reports**

(4). Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist Block 15, Lot 8 Route 12 and Pittstown Rd

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed. She noted that most of the entire property is wetlands. She noted that this property is where the Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc. is planning to be built.

(5). Right to Know Survey 2015 from Aqua Survey Inc. 469 Point Breeze Road, Kingwood Twp.

The Commission reviewed the survey. Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that last month they received a Right to Know Survey for MEL.

(6). Letter of Interpretation for Bl 26, Lot 23 Appl. For Permit and Approval to NJDEP from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consultant

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

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

N/A

### **New Business**

(7). Environmental Commission – Annual Report Draft

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that she will try to have this completed for next month.

### **Water Testing for Arsenic and Boron - Update of Test Results**

Sandra McNicol explained she has received a lot of calls regarding the water tests that were offered to the residents of Kingwood Township. She stated that several residents are calling to find out when they will receive their results of the test. Sandra McNicol noted she will give the State a call to find out when the tests will come out.

### **Old Business**

Update on Chris Citgo

Sandra McNicol noted that a request was sent to the township's Board of Health regarding the concern for the neighbor's wells surrounding Chris's Citgo. She gave a brief followed up with what the Board of Health had decided. Secretary Keller contacted the Board of Health Secretary to find out the decision from the Board. Sandra McNicol read aloud what was responded by D. Laudenbach, Secretary of the Board of Health and what their attorney has recommended. "The Planning Board attorney responded that it was just a notice". Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer explained that Environmental Commission has concerns about the ground water and if the residents are getting their wells tested. They talked about whether the Environmental Commission should be the person or persons to contact the neighbors regarding this property or if it should be another board. Sandra McNicol suggested that after obtaining information from the NJDEP, the Environmental Commission could reach out to the Board of Health and make specific suggestions for what the neighbors should be doing to test their ground water for contaminants.

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**Banning the Use of Hydraulic Fracturing – Ordinance**

(8). Thank you letter from Mayor Haywood to Franklin Township for Supporting this ordinance

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**Sustainable Aquaculture Systems, Inc.**

Updates

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that Franklin Township has canceled their meeting in July and rescheduled the meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Sandra McNicol asked everyone if they are interested in attending, and if so to contact her.

**Action Items:**

Kingwood Green Team Update

Diana Haywood reviewed an invitation to the annual meeting and awards breakfast given by HART. They plan to recognize everyone's green team at their Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast on August 4, 2016. She stated that the Green Teams will be recognized with the Sustainable Hunterdon Recognition Award for helping to start the Hunterdon Sustainability Team HUB in Hunterdon County. The event will be held at the Farmhouse at the Grand Colonial, Rte. 173, Perryville NJ.

**MEL – Update**

Update from Gail Ashley/Tim Cahalin

NJ DEP file for The MEL Chemical Site – From Timothy Cahalin

Timothy Cahalin was not present at the meeting.

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted that this will be tabled until next month so that everyone can review the NJDEP file for the MEL Chemical site and Timothy Cahalin will be able to review it.

David Posey – MEL and (LSRPs) Licensed Site Remediation Professionals

Vice Chairman David Posey made a recommendation to the Environmental Commission. He explained if we can get 25 effected residents that are within 200 feet of MEL to sign a petition this would be good to hand into the DEP, then after sending it to the DEP, then we can ask them to start testing their wells and to research and find out what chemicals are in the ground. He feels that they can obtain information from the residents on their behalf. He feels that if they do not meet the needs for the residents, the Environmental Commission along with the residents can apply for a grant to help pay for an Environmental Consultant. David Posey will send information to the EC Members. It was suggested to wait until Gail Ashley gets back to pursue this issue. David Posey has offered to write something up regarding what the EC will do to communicate with the residents.

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Diana Haywood suggested that the Environmental Commission invite the homeowners surrounding MEL to an Environmental Commission meeting to inform them of the concerns for their ground water.

Open Space Chair, Sandra McNicol – Environmental Commission To Recommend to the Township Committee The Issue With MEL Wells – Open Space/Ag Feels MEL Should Go Before Planning Board for Review

Secretary Keller explained what was discussed at the Open Space and Ag meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Sandra McNicol suggested after the Open Space and Ag Meeting minutes are approved she will send them to everyone. Then the EC can decide if they would like to together with a long time member of the Planning Board, John Mathieu to discuss what they did in the past when speaking to MEL each month regarding their reports.

**Slacktown Well**

Update

(9). E-mail Update from Rich Portuese, Re: Abandonment of the wells on Slacktown Road

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed.

**PennEast Pipeline:** - Update

FERC has published the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the PennEast Project

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer reviewed the following information:

On the first page of the document this statement appears:

“The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the Project would result in some adverse environmental impacts; however, most of these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of PennEast’s proposed mitigation and the additional recommendations in the draft EIS.”

There is 45 days to comment, which is on Labor Day. The CAPS are arranging commenting workshops right now. The workshops will have stations where you can go and get enough information to write comments and post. While there are Experts working on professional comments the CAPs are looking for 10,000 citizen comments. Every citizen and intervenor can submit 1 comment per topic so that every topic has to be addressed.

FERC needs to schedule public hearings and the hearing have not been scheduled yet:

“The dates and locations of the public comment meetings will be provided in a future notice.

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There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff, but FERC staff will be available throughout the meetings to answer your questions about the environmental review process. The meetings will be scheduled from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. The primary goal will be to have your verbal environmental comments on the draft EIS documented in the public record.”

The NJDEP is still waiting for a host of answers from PennEast, the Delaware River Basin Commission will not review until next year. An overwhelming response to the DEIS will continue to delay this project and hopefully delay it to the point the partners pull out! The market for Nat Gas is flat and the price remains low. This is an open comment period, you do not have to be an intervenor to comment, however intervenor comments have to be addressed. This will be the last time citizens who are not already intervenors can register as “late intervenors”.

Here is a link to the DEIS:

Docket(s): CP15-558-000

Description: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC's PennEast Pipeline Project under CP15-558.

You can view the issuance at:

[http://elibrary.FERC.gov/idmws/file\\_list.asp?accession\\_num=20160722-4001](http://elibrary.FERC.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20160722-4001)

Chairwoman Debbie Kratzer noted she will not be able to attend the next Environmental Commission meeting in August. She suggested that a few members get together as a subcommittee to discuss the draft EIS.

There was a discussion regarding how they would get the word out to the public to participate. A few dates were discussed for some of the members to meet to discuss comments on the draft EIS.

**Horseshoe Bend Park – Update**  
**Pollinator Meadow Project – Update**

Sandra McNicol noted that she was unable to work on the signs, because of a computer glitch that has recently happened. She will be working on them for the next meeting.

**Site Plan Review**

**Open Space**

**Sandra McNicol – Update on Open Space and Agricultural Meeting of July 12, 2016**

Sandra McNicol reviewed the meeting of the Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting of July 12, 2016. She stated that there is good news, the Perrotti property– (Block 23 Lot 11) has been preserved and cleaned up. She noted that the PennEast Pipeline will be going through that land.

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She noted that the township is looking into another property along the bluff, from the State of New Jersey and there is money available through the State to purchase the land, which would mean that it would cost Kingwood Township nothing.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Lois Voronin, seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:38P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Keller, Secretary  
Open Space and Agricultural Committees