

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2018  
7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:45 P.M. Chairperson, 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 by publication of the notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on December 21, 2017, and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on December 14, 2017. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on December 14, 2017.**

**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  
Maureen Synchronick  
Ralph Celebre  
Sandra McNicol  
Lois Voronin

**Absent**

Mara Tippet  
Timothy Cahalin  
Gail Ashley  
Cynthia Niciecki  
William Reasoner

**Minutes**

**(1). Approval of December 4, 2017 Environmental Commission Special Meeting Minutes**

It was requested by the Committee that the approval of the December 4, 2017 Environmental Commission Special Meeting Minutes be tabled to the April 24, 2018 meeting.

**(1). Approval of Hiring Transcription Services for the December 4, 2017 Environmental Commission Special Meeting Minutes**

It was requested by the Committee that the approval for hiring transcription services for the December 4, 2017 Environmental Commission Special Meeting Minutes be tabled to the April 24, 2018 meeting. Information requested in order to approve transcription services is estimate of transcription services and the Environmental Commission account balance.

**(2). Approval of the February 27, 2018 Environmental Commission Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Ralph Celebre and carried to approve the February 27, 2018 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Celebre, McNicol</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- Voronin</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Tippet, Cahalin, Ashley, Niciecki, Reasoner</b>

**Correspondence**

ANJEC 2018 Grants for Open Space Stewardship Projects  
Reviewed.

Raritan Headwaters 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Clean-up  
Reviewed.

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

ANJEC Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions  
Maureen Syrnick, Ralph Celebre and Mara Tippet attended the Roxbury Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commission session. It was reported by Ralph Celebre that the training was practical and well put together.

**Recycling News and Update**

Sandra McNicol updated the Committee on the Kingwood Township Recycling program for 2018. The program information will be included in the Township spring mailing to residents. Mark Petro has done a good job of switching out the Recycle dumpsters resulting in a cost reduction from approximately \$1200.00/month to \$644.00/month. The Recycling Tonnage grant processed has changed for 2018. Local businesses will no longer report tonnage to the county they will now report to the municipality.

**Reports**

NJDEP “No Further Action” Olewicz  
Reviewed.  
NJDEP “No Further Action” 10 Spring Hill Road  
Reviewed  
Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District-Stetola Residence  
Reviewed

**Old Business**

Update Chris’s Citgo  
No Update

**Action Items**

Storm Water Rule Changes/Update on Educational Points – Van Cleef Report

Maureen Synchron reported that calculations for Storm Water education requirements have changed and the previous programs will not be sufficient to meet the new requirements. By having the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members watch a training video either at a monthly meeting, special meeting or individually online Kingwood would meet the education requirements.

It was moved by Lois Voronin and seconded by Sandra McNicol and carried to approve the recommendation made by Thomas Decker, Van Cleef Engineer, that the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members watch the Storm Water Educational training video.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Celebre, McNicol, Voronin</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Tippet, Cahalin, Ashley, Niciecki, Reasoner</b>

**(2). Approval to Allow Colleen Smith, Rutgers PhD Candidate, to Perform Research Between April 1, 2018 and May 31, 2018 on Forest Bees at Horseshoe Bend Park**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Ralph to allow Colleen Smith, PhD student at Rutgers, to perform a Bee pollination study at Horseshoe Bend Park during April 2018.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Celebre, McNicol, Voronin</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- Tippet, Cahalin, Ashley, Niciecki, Reasoner</b>

**MEL Update**

NJDEP Right to Know Report

Reviewed. Debbie Kratzer asked Secretary to forward document to Emergency Management Coordinator, Jack MacConnell.

**PennEast Pipeline: Update:**

MS reported that PennEast surveyors were spotted working on Route 519 this day, 3/27/18.

One landowner is leasing property to Penn East to use his field as a Pipe-yard. Fairfax Hutter, AmeriCorp Ambassador, has spotted rare species in a field adjacent to this property. It was noted that the species' status is unknown by the committee. This property is farmland assessed.

NJ attorney general has issued a letter to PennEast that the pipeline violates public open space.

PennEast is asking courts to allow easement without payment for survey due to delay being a financial hardship. Money will be set aside for homeowners if approval is granted.

**Site Plans**

LOI – 323 Barbertown-Idell Road Block 29, Lot 22.02  
Reviewed

TRILEAF/Verizon NEPA Review for 116 ft. Stealth Silo Communication Tower

The Planning Board believes this Silo will run into where Native American artifacts have been found. Maureen Synchronick recommended that the Environmental Commission send a letter to the State Historic Preservation Office and TriLeaf siting that the proposed building site is near an area where these artifacts have been discovered.

Maureen Synchronick displayed and reviewed the State Historic Preservation Office Submittal Packet.

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Lois Voronin to approve the writing of a letter by Maureen Synchronick to the NJ State Historic Preservation Office and TriLeaf siting the finding of Native American artifact findings at the proposed building site.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>- Kratzer, Celebre, McNicol, Voronin</b>
	<b>Nay</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>- None</b>

Estate of Samuel M Delia Subdivision, 963/955 Rt. 519 – Block 12, Lot33  
Reviewed and found to be incomplete. Debbie Kratzer asked Committee secretary to forward completed LOI to the Committee once received by the Planning Board.

**Open Space and Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of January 10, 2017 – Update from Sandra McNicol:**

Open Space Advisory Committee Chairwoman Sandra McNicol reviewed the Kingwood Township NJ Public Open Space and Preserved Farms 2018 map.

Maureen Synchronick reviewed the County SADC meeting she attended. Kingwood Farmland preservation Incentive Grant has a \$500,000 balance. There is a current list of properties for preservation and the Open Space and Agriculture members are in discussions with property owners at this time.

The Grant money may be set up as a competitive system in the future. Also addressed was the need to promote the agricultural industry to attract a younger population to the vocation of farming.

Debbie Kratzer discussed AmeriCorp tree planting project and the need for volunteers.

Sandra McNicol offered to reach out to the Del Val key club and local Boy Scout troops to see if there is interest in volunteering for this project.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Sandra McNicol and seconded by Lois Voronin to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michele Tipton-Walters  
Secretary