

MINUTES

**East Amwell Township Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
February 22, 2010
7:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The February 22, 2010 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson, S. Parsons at 7:33 PM.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, S. Parsons announced that this is the Regular Business Meeting of the Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 28, 2010. A copy of tonight's agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the Trenton Times Newspaper, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: S. Parsons, M. Petrus, D. Sageser, F. Clair, T. Robbi, J. Angelone,
E. Feinberg, J. Corboy (Secretary)

ABSENT: D. Kellogg, L. Lewis, T. Martin, B. Hummel, K. Hanntz, K. Haney

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: January 25, 2010 – Reorganization Meeting

The minutes of the January 25, 2010 reorganization meeting were motioned for approval by T. Robbi, and with a second from M. Petrus were approved with no changes/deletions. There was one abstention.

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

- 1. E-Mail message from T.Stahl, 2/22/10, re; Attached Clean Air Council 2010 Hearing Brochure**
- 2. 2010 Employees & Officials of East Amwell Township Booklet**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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| 1. D. Kellogg – Prizes for 4-H Fair – 2009 | - | \$119.89 |
| 2. D. Kellogg – Rental of Hanna Meter – Road Salt Testing | - | \$10.49 |

Motion was made by T. Robbi to pay these invoices. Second was received from F. Clair and all were in favor.

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REPORTS:

- a. Planning Board – D. Sageser informed member that the Planning Board meeting was not held due to inclement weather..
- b. Township Committee – T. Martin was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.
- c. Recycling Committee – M. Petrus informed members that the February Depot Day was not held due to inclement weather (snowstorm). Suggestion was made to label the dumpsters so that those who deposit recyclables after hours know the correct dumpster to put them in. Goals were revised. He mentioned the recycling of old sneakers – full information will be in the Spring Newsletter. Recycling Committee also discussed the topic of Sustainable East Amwell – Green Team and whether the Harvest Fest would be a good opportunity to introduce this item to the general public. They also discussed issuing a second letter to East Amwell Township business operators informing them again of the new rules and regulations concerning recycling and inquiring what do they recycle. Recycling at the athletic fields was also discussed. J. Angelone suggested that a member of the Recycling Committee attend one of their soccer meetings to answer any questions they might have.
- d. Farmland/Open Space Preservation – No report received.
- e. Sourlands Municipal Alliance Council – No report received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Public Outreach – No report received. S. Parsons & M. Petrus made plans for presentations at the East Amwell School Earth Day Celebration.
- b. Conservation Easements – S. Parson stated that nothing has been done this month due to the inclement weather. T. Robbi suggested that a letter be drafted for owners, who had site visits, expressing appreciation for allowing us on their site and also enclosing a full report.
- c. 4-H Fair - M. Petrus stated that he will be responsible for recycling at the Fair. A second meeting with Mr. Everitt was not deemed necessary. J. Angelone suggested that we try to obtain use of one of the golf carts for ease in carrying and dumping the recyclables.
- d. Natural Resource Inventory – B. Hummel was absent this evening. No report was received. Some discussion occurred on the updates to the original report, as mentioned by T. Robbi.
- e. Sustainable East Amwell – D. Sageser stated that he would like to prepare an article for the Spring Newsletter concerning Sustainable Jersey. Energy audit was done on the Municipal Building and solar panels were investigated. M. Petrus suggested that the sub-committee meet to decide on how to proceed with the Green Team.

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f. Environmental Page on Website – S. Parsons suggested that this topic be entered under Old Business. She hopes that eventually we can work on having a separate page under the East Amwell Township website.

APPLICATIONS FROM PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR REVIEW: none received.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2010 Goals – Preliminary Discussion – Members reviewed the 2009 Goals. They decided to Review the Natural Resource Inventory only deleting the word update. Clawson Park goals have been accomplished, so that goal will be removed. Sustainable Practices – Clawson Park – Rain Gardens will be added in its place. Support of the renewed venture of Plant Exchange Day was added to Ongoing Goals. Participate in Sustainable Jersey activities should be added. It was also suggested that we remove Developing Communications with Neighboring Environmental Commissions. Secretary will make the changes and have a copy ready for approval at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence was listed on the 2/22/10 agenda. Last minute additions are listed earlier in these minutes.

OPEN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS: No comments received.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None present.

ADJOURN: 8:30 PM Motion for adjournment was received from T. Robbi and F. Clair seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Joyce S. Corboy, Secretary

cc: Env. Com. Members	Board of Adjustment	Board of Health
Twp. Com. & Clerk	Democrat Newspaper	Recreation Com.
Twp. Bulletin Brd.	Trenton Times	Recycling Com.
Planning Board	Associate Members	Agric. Adv. Com.
Farmland & Open Space Preservation		