

**GREEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2014**

PUBLIC NOTICE: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been made in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act inasmuch as a notice has been published in the New Jersey Herald, transmitted to the Star Ledger and posted at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road, Tranquility, NJ.

ROLL CALL: Richard Vohden, Cindy Moyano, Glenn Wershing, Michael Viersma, and Matthew Fox, and Jackie Wershing.

Members Present: Richard Vohden, Matthew Fox, Michael Viersma, and Cindy Moyano. Also present was Christine Licata, Secretary and Martha Riddell. Jackie Wershing and Glenn Wershing were excused on motion made by Matthew Fox, second by Cindy Moyano. All in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of January 28, 2014:

Motion to approve the January 28, 2014 minutes was made by Matthew Fox, second by Cindy Moyano. All in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- R. Vohden shared the Estuary News with the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- R. Vohden discussed with the committee that Jay Fisher- Ag Choice Compost company will bring jobs to the county. The bridge on the property has been complete. DEP is working with Fisher to make sure he is in compliance with all regulations.
- R. Vohden commented that the highlands Counsel have a committee together to review the highland regulation on Farmland preservation. Property that is farmland preserved is worth less per acre.
- R. Vohden updated the committee on the Lackawanna cutoff. This will run from Hopatcong to Andover. The location of the train station has been approved but its location is near the Category 1 stream. There is also concern of the Indiana bats that live in the trees along the railroad tunnel.
- R. Vohden received the letter from Suburban Consulting on the Tier B Municipal Storm water general permit. The existing rules remain in effect and the township needs a total of 11 points to be eligible. The committee does a display, event and giveaway at Green Township day, and 3 mailings a year with the Green Grapevine and the tax mailing.

- R. Vohden shared two articles Rising Seas, Vanishing Coastlines from the NY times and the Sea Level Rise in NJ in regards to global warming and the rising of the sea levels.

PLANNING BOARD/BOA BUSINESS:

- The committee reviewed the minutes from the BOA January meeting and has no comments.
- M. Fox gave an update on the Doggie Chalet application. The applicant is in the process of presenting to the board the grade issue with the driveway. The driveway currently has at 20% grade and it could only have 4%-8% grade. They are operating under a variance from 4-5 years ago and without a license.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Storm Drain Marker Locations- No update
- Open Space Map and Enabling Legislation- No update
- Conservation Easements- no update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Fox, second by M. Viersma all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Licata, Secretary

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Date