

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2011

7:00 PM

Meeting began at 7:09 PM.

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Times Beacon and the Asbury Park press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call:     Ed Covitz                   Tom Leaming  
                  Lorraine Flohr            Don Lippincott  
                  Heide Geary                 Ken Bynoe  
                  Jack Henderson

Members absent:     Bob Knowles, Pola Galie

Committeewoman Wetter was also in attendance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The commission introduced themselves for the new members. Chairman Lippincott reminded everyone that the Environmental Commission is an advisory board only. We are very fortunate to have a town government that takes the environment seriously and does welcome and ask advice from our commission on various issues.

Chairman Lippincott asked for a motion to take action on the November 29, 2010 minutes. Mr. Covitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Henderson. Secretary will correct spelling of Mr. Runyon's name. Also a brief discussion also took place about changing the papers that are noticed. The Atlantic City Press and the Asbury Park Press will now be noticed for meeting dates. All in favor of the motion: (aye).

At this time Committeewoman Wetter left the meeting.

Correspondence is available in the office and is always available for viewing.

After a brief conversation about phosphorus and nitrates, Mr. Henderson will contact Mr. Wnek of the MATES program to see if his group would be interested in testing for phosphorus and nitrates at the Waretown Lake at the overspill. The Jacques Cousteau Institute might have ideas how to handle. Chairman Lippincott suggested contacting John Spodafora and the Stafford Environmental Commission to see if they have any suggestions or recommendations they can provide us in identifying source points. Secretary will draft and email the Chairman.

A conversation regarding the Governor's visit took place. The Environmental Commission expressed that they wished they had been notified earlier.

The Environmental Commission would like to keep a close eye on the closing of the power plant.

The Environmental Commission acknowledged the passing of Mr. Rossnagel and spoke briefly about his life and his contributions throughout the year. He will be missed. Chairman Lippincott suggested looking into a scholarship in his name for a Waretown resident.

Mr. Henderson will make contact with Mr. Rich Kunze to see if he would like to come and bring OceanGro fertilizer samples again for Founder's Day.

A motion was made by Mr. Covitz seconded by Mr. Leaming to open to the public. All in favor: (aye).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. William Rott, 179 Wells Mills Road approached and spoke. Mr. Rott thanked the commission for their volunteer work. Mr. Rott spoke about the leaf disposal area and the brush disposal area. The dumpster there is often overflowing. Mr. Rott has spoken already to the Township Committee.

Chairman Lippincott spoke about the need for a recycling center. On a smaller scale if the recycling center is not an option with the Township, perhaps something can be done on a smaller scale. Matt Ambrosio can be contacted and asked to come to the next meeting to discuss this issue. The leaf pile seems to never move to Southern Recycle Center for composting. Contractors have also been seen dumping their leaves there which is not suppose to be allowed.

Mr. Rott also asked about the leaching at the landfill. Chairman Lippincott spoke that the landfill has been completely capped and monitored.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Leaming and seconded by Mr. Henderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth O'Connor  
Secretary