

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

Environmental Commission

April 01, 2024 – 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

Donald Lippincott	<u> X </u>
Thomas Leaming	<u> X </u>
Richard Lipman	<u> X </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u> Absent </u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> X </u>
John Lane	<u> Absent </u>
Diane B. Ambrosio	<u> X </u>
Alt #1 Jack Henderson	<u> Absent </u>
Alt #2 Robert Knowles	<u> X </u>

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT – PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY PROVIDED BY SENDING COPIES OF THE NOTICE OF MEETING TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY. THE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

REGULAR MEETING

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: March 04, 2024

Robert Knowles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, from the March 04, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Thomas Leaming.

Donald Lippincott	<u> X </u>
Thomas Leaming	<u> X </u>
Richard Lipman	<u> X </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u> Absent </u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> X </u>
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1. Correspondence

Secretary Bonfonti discussed that there was no correspondence for the Environmental Commission received for the April 01, 2024 meeting.

2. Old Business

Diane Ambrosio discussed that there are plans for both 54 Main St. and 123 Wells Mills Rd. if the Environmental Commission would like to review. Diane Ambrosio discussed if the Environmental Commission has any recommendations/comments on the plans for the Planning Board they will be put into a letter to be sent to the Planning Board on the Environmental Commission's behalf. Diane Ambrosio discussed that Chairman Donald Lippincott is the liaison for the Environmental Commission on the Planning Board, and he would make any recommendations on behalf of the Environmental Commission to the Planning Board.

The Environmental Commission first discussed the plans for 54 Main St. Diane Ambrosio discussed that Garden State Laboratories is looking to expand the parking for their vehicles.

The Environmental Commission reviewed the plans and looked at their plans for tree planting.

The Environmental Commission had no comments or recommendations for the plans reviewed for 54 Main St.

The Environmental Commission next discussed the plans for 123 Wells Mills Rd. Diane Ambrosio discussed that the plan is to make 123 Wells Mills Rd. a parking lot so that the owner can rent the other building he owns.

The Environmental Commission had no comments or recommendations for the plans reviewed for 123 Wells Mills Rd.

3. New Business

Diane Ambrosio discussed that there is no new information regarding the Windfarms that the Township has received, or that would currently affect the Township of Ocean.

Ken Fekete provided an image rendering he saw in one of the local papers of what the Windfarms would look like if they were to be built locally out near Long Beach Island.

Richard Lipman discussed that the picture the Environmental Commission was viewing from the local paper really wasn't to scale for what the project would have been as the Windfarms would have been built 20 miles out from the shoreline and would not have been visible from the shore.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that the picture being viewed was not of Orstead and agreed that the Orstead Windfarm would have been built much further out. Diane Ambrosio agreed the Orstead project would not have been viewable from the shoreline.

Donald Lippincott discussed an article he read about a decommissioned nuclear plant in a different part of the country where they are trying to revive it to deal with the energy problem.

Donald Lippincott discussed that nuclear power is environmentally friendly.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that the Township is hoping to do a tree planting for Arbor Day again this year.

Donald Lippincott discussed possibly having a company that may be able to remove tires at the Town Wide Clean Up this year.

Donald Lippincott inquired if there was any new information regarding the Lighthouse Center for Natural Resources Education.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that she knows the Lighthouse Center put in for another grant to continue with the WADs (Wave Attenuation Devices), and marsh restoration.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that originally Orstead was only running wires underground in town to access the power grid.

In relation to Ken Fekete’s Codebook discussion at the previous meeting, Diane Ambrosio discussed that the committee is not looking to change the Environmental Commission ordinance.

Motion to Open for Public Comment:

Diane Ambrosio motioned to open for public comment, seconded by Robert Knowles.

All in Favor: Opposed

No public was present at the meeting.

Diane Ambrosio motioned to close for public comment, seconded by Robert Knowles.

All in Favor: Opposed

Motion to Adjourn

Diane Ambrosio motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Robert Knowles.

All in Favor: Opposed

Meeting Dates 2024 – 5:00 pm

April 29

June 3

September 3

September 30

November 4

December 2

Signed and Submitted:

Amanda Bonfonti, Secretary
Environmental Commission

Date