

TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes July 20, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westampton Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held at the Municipal Building on Rancocas Road. At 7:30, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dena Moore. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times and posted in the Municipal Building even though it is not required by the Sunshine Law.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom DiOrio was appointed as temporary secretary for this meeting.

Roll Call: Present: Chair, Dena Moore, Vice-chair, Linda Robbins, Norm Miller, Joe Krulik, Craig Fisher,
Tom DiOrio
Absent: John Anderson

Minutes Approval:

May 2009: Linda Robbins made the motion to accept. It was 2nd by Craig Fisher. The motion carried; 4 yes, 2 abstaining

June 2009: Joe Krulik made the motion to accept. It was 2nd by Linda Robbins. The motion carried; 3 yes, 3 abstaining

1. Old Business:

A. ERI Update

Joe Krulik advised that Amy Miller, Environmental Planner, is our contact person at DVRPC (215-238-2930). She is looking for photographs as part of the planning/information gathering process. She wants to attend the 8/17/09 EAC meeting together with a spokesperson from ANJEC, Kerry Miller (no relation to Amy Miller or Norm Miller) is our contact person at ANJEC during the ERI process.

B. EAC Website

Linda Robbins advised that our Website is up-and-running; however, the minutes have not been posted. Linda will contact Donna Ryan to check on this. Linda will make an attempt to convert some of the "Fact Sheet" PDF files to make them more legible. Joe Krulik will ask Donna about the legality issue where photos are taken when individuals are included in the photo.

WESTAMPTON DAY

Dena Moore reported:

- will be held on Saturday September 26, 2009, 11am-4pm.
- the Burlington County Soil Conservation District did not have any “models” for our use to display.
- she will determine the registration process and reserve a table for the EAC.

Joe Krulik will contact a friend at DEP. They have an “outreach program” and may be able to provide some packets of hand-out material for our use. Joe also talked about an environmental report on spills that might concern local residents.

Linda Robbins reported:

- that we MUST be at Westampton Day PROMPTLY 1 hour before the 11 am open .
- she will initiate a sign-up sheet for booth duty.

2. New Business:

Dena reported:

- receipt of the Estuary Newsletter which was forwarded to the EAC from the township for informational purposes.
- on the EPA local greenhouse gas reduction grant program. There was an e-mail from ANJEC notifying the EAC of a workshop on 7/29/09 at DEP offices in Trenton. Linda may attend and will e-mail to determine if anyone from the township will attend.
- a “draft” of the proposed Open Space, Recreation and Farmland Preservation Ordinance was received from the Master Plan Review Sub-Committee.

Norm Miller suggested that all members of the EAC should receive a copy of the Township’s Master Plan. Linda Robbins will e-mail a copy to all EAC Members. Joe Krulik provided a copy of the Master Plan Review Sub-Committee’s proposed ordinances on Signs and temporary Storage Units. He also provided minutes from the Citizens Vision Committee. Discussion ensued about how active the EAC should be in this process.

Membership: A discussion ensued about the EAC’s need for additional members and a recording secretary. Linda will ask Donna Ryan to place a notice on the Website “advertising” for new members.

3. Public Comment:

Vince Robbins advised that the Township Committee wants names, from the EAC, of anyone interested in EAC membership, in time for the next Township Meeting. He also suggested that the EAC should consider making recommendations to the Visioning Committee regarding the 541 corridor. He also reported that cardboard recycling is being expanded to the remainder of the Township.

Janet Curran reported that although she is pleased that things are now being done by the Township and the various committees, she wishes that these things were done and the questions were asked 15 years ago. She asked for the EAC's involvement to determine the opinions of the residents of Westampton.

Chairperson Moore thanked the public for their input.

EAC Member Comments:

Linda Robbins suggested sending a letter to the Police Department to look for "obvious" environmental violations such as: improper cardboard re-cycling, blowing leaves and grass into the street, etc. Tom D. suggested open fires and cutting down trees in wetlands.

Tom DiOrio made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Norm and the meeting ended at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom DiOrio,
Acting Secretary