

TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES August 17th, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) was held at the Municipal Building on Rancocas Road. At 7:32 pm, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dena Moore.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Linda Robbins volunteered to take Minutes.

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

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by TD to approve the July Minutes with the change, site spill environmental "notification", and seconded by NM. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. ERI: JK submitted a quarterly report as required by ANJEC. JK will e-mail a copy of the report to EAC for record keeping. DVRPC will be added to the Agenda for September.
2. EAC website. Fact Sheets were added by LR. JK to check on photo legality. All draft Minutes will be e-mailed to LR for the adding of letterhead, review distribution, for record keeping, and when approved, forwarding to Township.
3. Westampton Day, September 26th. JK to check on additional hand-out material. LR to e-mail sign up schedule to members. TD will call County about septic system info which may be added to handout material and posted on web site.
4. Township Master Plan was e-mailed to all EAC Members.
5. Membership Flyers (150) were distributed by LR and Janet Curran and posted in the Post Office and Municipal Building. NM gave the name of an interested person to Ms. Ryan. Dave Guerraro was nominated by Vince Robbins.

New Business:

1. Open Space Referendum: TD would like EAC to support this. A discussion ensued. Vince Robbins talked about Project Freedom in relation to open space. LR made a motion that EAC write a letter to the Township Committee requesting that they pass a resolution to supporting the upcoming State Referendum on Open Space. JK seconded the motion which passed unanimously. LR will draft the letter.
2. Spill Site notification: JK wanted the EAC members to be informed the about spill site notification (information that is on the NJDEP web site) so we can better answer questions that may be brought up by residents.
3. Rancocas Conservancy: TD informed the EAC that there would be a benefit dinner on Monday, September 14th at Smithville Park on the lawn. Cost \$25. Open to the public.
4. DVRCP meeting: It was decided to change the September EAC Meeting to Monday the 28th if DVRCP can attend. JK will check into this and keep EAC informed.
5. WTPD letter: It was decided that LR would contact Donna Ryan instead of writing a letter to the WTPD regarding environmental violations in the Township.

Public Comment: Vince Robbins asked for the EAC's thought on the banning of inorganic fertilizers in the township. His concern was the Township's proximity to the Rancocas Creek. A discussion ensued.

Committee Member Comments: NM made a motion to not read that the meeting was posted to the public. LR seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. TD informed the Committee that Burlington County was declared a disaster area due to the storm damage to crops. He also distributed an article regarding the impact of development on ground water. He also spoke of the oak blight that is affecting the area. JK said that at the last Visioning Committee meeting the number of COAH units that would be needed in the future if the Township was totally built out, was discussed. He will e-mail the info to the EAC members. DM was concerned that residents were not notified in a timely manner about the closing of Springside at Mill Creek.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by LR, and seconded by NM. The motion carried unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Robbins, Vice Chair
Acting Secretary