

TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

710 RANCOCAS ROAD
WESTAMPTON, NJ 08060

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 16, 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 pm the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dena Moore. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times, although it is not required, and posted in the Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Karen Sampson was appointed as temporary secretary for this meeting.

Roll Call: Present: Members Chair Dena Moore, Vice Chair Linda Robbins, Joe Krulik, Norm Miller, Karen Sampson
Absent: John Anderson, Doreen Berry, Craig Fisher

1. **Minutes** - Ms. Robbins requested corrections to the proposed minutes. A motion to approve the minutes with proposed corrections was made by Ms. Robbins and seconded by Mr. Krulik. All members present approved by acclamation.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Photo request: Several issues relating to this matter were discussed which included photo request language and how photos would be received. Ms. Robbins explained to the committee that legal language pertaining to the photo request was drafted by the township attorney and was provided to her via e-mail prior to the meeting and she handed out copies to the committee. Mr. Krulik offered to talk to township manager Donna Ryan regarding if or how the EAC could receive photos via e-mail.
 - b. Rancocas Nature Center presentation. This presentation has been rescheduled for the EAC April meeting. Ms. Robbins offered to contact John Anderson to find out the name of the speaker and the topic of discussion. Upon finding out, Ms. Robbins may contact EAC members via e-mail to decide if or how the EAC should advertise this speaking event.
 - c. Proposed EAC Website. Ms. Sampson questioned why the EAC should have its own website when the EAC already has a page on the township website. Ms. Robbins explained that it is currently a slow process to have information posted onto the current EAC page of the township website and that if the EAC has its own website the information could be posted much faster and there would be

additional space to post more information than what is currently posted. Ms. Sampson asked if other township environmental advisory committees had their own website separate from the township. Ms. Robbins and Ms. Moore indicated that they believed other township environmental committees did but they could not recall the names of any specific towns. Ms. Robbins indicated that Township Committeeman Vince Robbins has offered to create an EAC Website and that he contacted the township attorney about this and the township attorney forwarded website rules to Mr. Robbins. These rules were circulated to the EAC members via e-mail prior to the meeting. Ms. Sampson expressed concern regarding liability issues with the EAC having its own website. Mr. Krulik suggested that Ms. Robbins contact the township attorney via e-mail about this concern and copy EAC members to the e-mail. It was discussed that the approval of the township committee would be needed prior to the creation of a separate environmental advisory committee website. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve an EAC website pending a favorable response from the township attorney regarding liability issues. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. All members voted yes with the exception of Ms. Sampson, who voted no.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Krulik gave the EAC an update of the master plan meeting he attended on March 4th. The update included information regarding the 541 development plan, the anticipated Hancock farm request for subdivision and proposed ordinances.

3. New Business

Correspondence. Ms. Moore presented documentation to the committee regarding upcoming environmental information sessions and workshops.

4. Public Comment

Township Committeeman Vincent Robbins updated the EAC on events pertaining to the school board meeting he had attended earlier in the evening and recent township committee meetings.

5. Committee member comments: None

6. Adjournment: On a motion by Linda Robbins, seconded by Joe Krulik, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sampson
Acting Secretary