

# Minutes for the Environmental Commission

August 9, 2012

## Call to order

Chairperson Cathy Urbanski called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

In attendance: Hall, Rich (TC liaison), Slowick, Urbanski, Zuzov

Absent: Baldino, Neufeld, Piel, Van der Veen

## Approval of minutes

The commission minutes from the June 14, 2012 meeting will be reviewed via electronic mail so they can be submitted for the next township meeting.

## Opportunity for public comment

None.

## Business

### 1. Renewable Energy Ordinance

Chairperson Urbanski reported that the ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 2. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants

Chairperson Urbanski briefly reviewed the contents of the grant application. The grant is for the cataloging of the conservation easements in the town.

Notification of the status of the grant would be in mid-September.

### 3. 319h grant for the Alexauken Creek

Chairperson Urbanski reported that she met with Princeton Hydro and took a field trip with them to determine the status of a small dam that is situated on the creek. The dam is no longer functioning and is detrimental to the temperature of the creek. It was decided that the dam should be removed and a new stream corridor established.

Chairperson Urbanski also reported meeting with Mark Sanford who is member of the Orleans homeowners association to discuss the retention basin that is partly the target of the grant. It was determined that the basin was no longer functioning as intended. The basin tends to empty very quickly. The retention basin will be redesigned to be more of a naturalized area.

The local chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA) will be involved with the planting of a proposed basin at SHRHS. It was noted that this basin will need to be maintained (e.g., invasive species removed) until the new plantings are established.

A copy of the EC invasive species binder was presented to the South Hunterdon Superintendent who was going to provide the copy to the FFA teacher.

### 4. NRI Update, to be done in 2012

Chairperson Urbanski reported that no progress has been made with the county for the production of a map from 2007 DEP data.

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**5. Cadmiun Telluride Solar Cells**

Chairperson Urbanski reported that she has signed up for Google Alerts. The alerts will notify the Chairperson anytime any information comes onto the World Wide Web regarding this type of solar panel. So far the only information that has come through is from First Solar which is a solar company and whose postings are bias.

**6. Environmental Commissioners Handbook**

The handbook has been scanned into an electronic file that will be easy to distribute to members of the Commission.

**7. ANJEC Dues**

The Chairperson reported that membership dues for each member of the Commission were paid.

**Opportunity for public comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.