

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2014

Ed Truitt and Henry Gomez were sworn in by the Bass River Township Mayor Deborah Busby-Cope to renew their terms on the Environmental Commission. Ken Rose will be sworn in at the next Environmental Meeting.

The December 10, 2014 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President, Ed Truitt, and opened with the flag salute.

Ed Truitt reported the Environmental Commission is being held in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" and the Open Public Meetings Act.

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The following members were present: Ed Truitt, Henry Gomez, Carol Bitzberger, and Ken Rose.

The minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting was made available to all members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Henry Gomez and seconded by Ed Truitt. The motion was carried. Note: November meeting was cancelled.

No new status on Gary Smith trying to get NJ inmates to help clean up roads in Bass River Township. No action will be taken until the spring.

An article to the Bass River Monthly on the NJDEP Hotline telephone number is still in progress.

The Cleaning up of the Environmental Commission filing cabinets was done.

The following correspondence was reviewed and discussed:

- Complaint of Odors in Area from Burlington County Health Department, date 9/24/2014. NJDEP was notified.
 - A letter to the Board of Commissioner's Secretary and Planning Board Secretary will be written just to inform them of the Styrene Gas complaints.
- Copy of a letter, dated August 3, 2014, from the Pinelands Commission, Application #2004-0154.001, Block 57, Lot 38.01, Ryan Belk & Elizabeth Schnepf, concerning the application for a septic permit. Currently a violation is

in effect until a municipal construction permit is issued and a copy of approved septic plans is received by the Pinelands Commission.

- The Code Construction Officer should be contacted to find out if the violation is in effect.
- Copy of certified mail received regarding the Maintenance Dredging and Bulkhead Reconstruction at 39 Robinson Road. The letter informs the NJDEP they are submitting an application for a permit for the Dredging and Bulkhead reconstruction.
 - Email to be forwarded to the mayor and planning board to insure they are aware of the application for a dredging permit is being pursued, and our concern for where the remains for dredging will be placed or disposed.
- Copy of Resolution 2014-91 which sets the annual schedule of meetings for the Bass River Township Environmental Commission for the calendar year 2015.
 - No action required.
- Copy of a Letter from the Pinelands Commission, dated November 13, 2014, concerning a Demolition Permit that was issued by Bass River Zoning Officer for Block 57, Lot 16, and a Zoning Permit issued by the Bass River Zoning Officer. The letter from Pinelands states: **“Recordation of the existing dwelling has occurred in conformance with the provisions of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan.”**
 - No action. Letter will be filed.
- Copy of a Letter from the Pinelands Commission, dated November 20, 2014, stating that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Application #1982-9010.001, Block 50, Lot 6 in Bass River Township. Reason is that the approved septic plan does not meet standards, and asking for a revised septic plan. The letter further states: **“No Development may be carried out on the above referenced parcel until the Pinelands Commission has acted on the proposed development.”**
 - Would have to contact the Code Construction officer to insure no development is taking place.
- Copy of a letter from the NJDEP, November 28, 2014, addressed to Bass River Township Clerk, received December 4, 2014, concerning the SUSPECTED HAZARDIOUS SUBSTANCE DISCHARGE NOTIFICATION NJDEP NUMBER: 14-11-27-0940-19. Incident was a fire at the Viking Yacht Marina where diesel fuel was released.

- The question was asked of the mayor and we were assured there was no diesel fuel discharged into the Bass River.
- Letter and Bulletins from the ANJEC, dated October 13, 2014 on the topic “Open Space is a Good Investment”.
 - Topic was discussed and in the future members of the Environmental Commission will try to attend some of these meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:35 p.m. by Ed Truitt and seconded by Henry Gomez.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission