

ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING FOR MARCH 14, 2012

The March 14, 2012 Environmental Meeting was called to order at 0711 with a flag salute.

Helen Hazard read the "Sunshine Law" announcements in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

A roll call was taken, and it showed that Helen Hazard, Barbara Dillon, Paul Chandler, Ed Truitt, Henry Gomez, and Nancy Oshman were present.

A letter from the NJDEP to Paul Romano, 119 Jericho Road, Bass River Township regarding an area of concern: One 250-gallon #2 heating oil above ground storage tank system at the same property was reviewed. This is a no further action letter, and it is on file.

Another letter from the NJDEP to Twp. Clerk Amanda Somes, regarding a suspected hazardous substance discharge notification, case #12-02-13-1043-20 was reviewed. The notification report gives the details of an accident at GSP MM 54.7 northbound. The letter and the notification report were discussed and are both on file.

Three pamphlets, the Rancocas Journal, the ANJEC 2012 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grants for Municipalities, and the ANJEC Assessing Development Impacts were passed around and briefly discussed. The pamphlets are on file.

On February 14, 2012 it was brought to Helen's attention by Mayor Buzby-Cope: #1. Marion Assur had put in a request on March 22, 2010 per the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). A review of the minutes of previous meetings, prior to Helen becoming chairman, reflect that the request was never satisfied. Helen, therefore, fulfilled the request between the dates of February 15, 2010 and March 9, 2010. #2. The second issue is in regard to a letter generated on Bass River Township letterhead stationery dated January 15, 2009 from Floyd West, Chairman, Environmental Commission, and initialed by him regarding: Application #2007=0388.001, Block 8A, Lot 9A. A review of the minutes of the previous meetings, prior to Helen becoming chairman, reflect there was no mention in the

minutes of a vote having been taken authorizing to generate this letter on behalf of the Environmental Commission Advisory Board. It is concluded this was done personally. Copies of the letter of request and of Floyd's letter are on file.

Under new business, the following was discussed: 1. Floyd West has not attended environmental commission meetings since October 2011. I (secretary) volunteered to reach out to Floyd to see if he is okay. All members agreed. 2. Helen mentioned Peter Long, Bass River Township solicitor, advised members can be replaced after three consecutive absences.

Another request for information through the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) was made by Andrew Anderson. Mr. Anderson was requesting copies of the minutes from the environmental meetings from July 2009 to November 2011. That request has been satisfied. A copy of his request is on file.

At this point, Helen had finished with all old and new correspondence. Henry Gomez asked about the property formerly known as the Rustic Inn. Barbara explained that certain approvals have been made and that the owners are actively working on completing the project. Henry also asked about the old Sear's gas station, and Barbara explained its current status.

The meeting was then open to public discussion and there was none.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Paul. The meeting was adjourned at 0745.

I certify these minutes to be true.

Nancy Oshman