



Township of Blairstown  
Environmental Commission  
106 Route 94  
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Minutes: February 6, 2014 Meeting

(Meeting was canceled on February 5, 2014 due to a snow storm and rescheduled to the following day)

Open Meeting/Call to order at 19:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Harry Price

This meeting has been advertised in a newspaper of general circulation as to the time and place in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act"

Welcome Patricia Gunther, new BEC member

Re-organization for 2014 according to by-laws - Nomination of Officers:

Chairperson: Harry Price - Motion: Tom Dust; Second: Pat Gunther  
Vice Chair: Robert Merrifield - Motion: Harry Price; Second: Tom Dust  
Secretary: Patricia Gunther - Motion: Harry Price; Second: Tom Dust

Roll Call - Tom Dust, Barbara Green (present in building attending Open Space meeting as well), Patricia Gunther, Robert Merrifield, Harry Price, Paul Avery (Twp Committee Liaison)  
Excused Absences: Carolyn Fenton, Joseph Wargo

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from December 2013 were approved

Continuing Business

Mr. Toni Lynch, owner of Better World Building Technology, made a 15-minute presentation before membership to consider converting the municipal building (or buildings) to solar power vs. the present energy consumed by our township facilities. Mr. Lynch's presentation consisted of an overview of general costs, equipment, financing options, return on investments percentages, solar renewable credits, state grants, thus bringing the owner to considerable savings within a certain amount of time. Mr. Lynch would be involved in the project from start to finish. Membership agreed to move forward in taking the initial steps to obtain further information needed by Mr. Lynch in making a proper proposal for our township. A direct line of action was asked for by Mr. Lynch between the BEC and the Township Committee. Harry Price will be the liaison in assisting Mr. Lynch in obtaining bills from JCP&L for all accounts, heating source of the building(s) involved in the proposal, number of meters to be considered in the final proposal. Paul Avery will advise the Township Committee of this preliminary presentation and keep them advised of our future discussions.

Crayola Colorcycle Marker Recycling Program - [www.crayola.com/colorcycle](http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle) - Barbara Green will follow up with status on this program

Report from Paul Avery about finding missing 3-ring binder belonging to the BEC. Binder has not been found, but there may be a copy in the library.

Paulina Dam report/update: Township Committee approved submission of grant application for removal of the dam. Grant application was submitted on time. Paul Avery agreed that the BEC should read the grant application and evaluate the pros and cons of the dam's removal. Discussion involved that a public forum should also be announced for further input from the citizens of the township on this issue.

BEC Facebook page administrators - Membership agreed not to keep the BEC Facebook page. Possible legal issues of postings could be a problem. All agreed the township website should be updated and include all pertinent information regarding all issues impacting the township. Paul Avery will bring this suggestion forward to the Township Committee. Discussion of possible trip to see where dams were removed. Trip will take place during the spring.

#### New Business

Spring clean-up in conjunction with Arbor Day on April 26<sup>th</sup> - Location of route changed due to the pending bridge replacement on Rte 94 up by Stillwater Road. Members received a copy of the State DOT handout about the bridges' construction project. General discussion to check the township calendar and status with coordinating clubs within township regarding clean-up and Arbor Day. Township Clerk, Phyllis Pizzaia, will be contacted to clarify.

Pending DOT reconstruction of two bridges and culvert: Present signage in the township inadequate to notify citizens of impending reconstruction. Many citizens are unaware of this reconstruction and traffic problems that will result from same. Public should be better informed.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Susan Price

Adjournment: Motion made by Harry Price ; Seconded by Robert Merrifield at 20:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gunther, Secretary, BEC

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 5, 2014