



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

Minutes: September 3, 2014

Open Meeting/Call to order at 19:45 p.m. by 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"

Roll Call - Tom Dust, Carolyn Fenton, Barbara Green, Patricia Gunther, Robert Merrifield, Harry Price, Chairman, Paul Avery (Twp Committee Liaison) Joseph Wargo

Excused Absence: None

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from May and June, 2014 were approved.

Motion: Patricia Gunther

Second: Tom Dust

Continuing Business: Discussion was opened by our Chairman, Harry Price, on the following topics and input was provided by BEC members as well.

Solar Project for Township: A new contractor, Siting Renewables LLC, has been assigned to work on a new proposal for the township's solar project. Expertise in working with the NJ renewable government programs and delivery in solar and small hydropower development firms.

Windmill Farm off the coast of Atlantic City, NJ: NJ regulators have twice rejected a windmill farm off the coast of Atlantic City proposed by Fisherman's Energy, a Chinese based firm, faulting the company's integrity. The DOE has offered \$47 million to a \$188 million project which is risky to rate payers.

State of NJ Appeals Court re: Windmill Farm off the coast of NJ: Has ordered NJ to reconsider it's rejection of this off shore wind turbine proposal.

Paulina Dam Update: The Township was turned down for the grant first offered from the Fish & Wildlife Foundation. NJDEP has offered a two phase proposition to the township as an alternative which does not cover demolition costs of the dam's removal.

New Business:

Road Side Clean Up: BEC members agreed to bring forth available dates in November at our October Meeting or to email Harry Price with dates to move ahead with road side clean up in our township.

Correspondence:

Open Discussion brought forth by Harry Price, Chairman, and BEC committee members on the following topics: Agenda 21 Sustainable Development and it's impact on local communities, the future and benefits of hydro electric power, Ethanol E85, spotted owl protection vs. logging rights in California, EPA

creating secret maps to control and regulate streams, creeks, wetlands on private property, Agra Business i.e. Monsanto, coal plants, natural gas boom, new technologies for our military with the creation of a boot generators vs. battery packs, dance floors in Holland generate electricity, diesel fuel being replaced by LPG.

Follow up if there was a file regarding correspondence from Pequest Engineering re: malfunctioned septic system (48 Cedarville Road, Block 901, Lot 3.04) Barbara Green will check on this and give file to Pat Gunther.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Barbara Green; Seconded by Harry Price, Chairman at 20:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gunther, Secretary, BEC

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2014