



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

Minutes: November 5, 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, Patricia Gunther, Robert Merrifield, Joseph Wargo, Harry Price (Chairman), Paul Avery (Twp Committee Liaison)

Excused Absence: Carolyn Fenton, Barbara Green

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from October 2014 were approved.

Motion: Tom Dust

Second: Robert Merrifield

Continuing Business:

Solar Project for Township: Discussions and follow up are still ongoing with Ted Rodman, the Township Engineer, and Ralph Jones. Hudson Energy Solar requires a minimum system size of 500kW and all parties are seeking to capture this consumption total in existing and new township structures, i.e. ambulance building.

Paulina Dam Report: The Mayor and the NJDEP have been in contact regarding a two-year agreement with the DEP. The Township Committee voted 4-1 at its October 2014 approving a resolution to accept DEP grant money for permitting, etc. contingent upon the township seeking and accepting additional funding from other sources for the demolition of the dam.

Road Side Clean Up: Sunday, November 16, 2014 will be the day for road side clean up. BEC members present at the November meeting agreed to take part in the clean up. We will meet at the parking lot at Walnut Valley field. Time allocated will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If bad weather is in the forecast, Harry Price will send us an email canceling the event and another date will then be decided upon.

Jones Farm Hay Field: Harry Price forwarded all BEC members recent correspondence for our review. As Mr. Price explained at this meeting, special use permit application with the township is needed for cutting this field with dates between Nov 1 and Dec 1, 2014, and June 1, 2015 December 1, 2015. Further discussion, review and analysis will be forthcoming on this project.

New Business: None

Correspondence: From: Kleinschmidt Re: Application submitted by Princeton-Blairstown Center Installation of rock anchors and a concrete apron at the toe of Bass Lake Dam to meet the State of NJ, DEP (Dam Safety) and NJDEP stability requirements.

New Technologies help clean up coal piles from PA communities.

An article presented to the members which is saving taxpayers in Pennsylvania \$224 million dollars by restoring coal waste sites back to nature a total of 8,000 acres reclaimed. The process burns coal waste with limestone which in turn removes the acid from the product. This technology diminishes pollution in the air, produces a product that is reusable to regrade the site or can be used as fill material.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Robert Merrifield; Seconded by Joseph Wargo at 20:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gunther, Secretary, BEC

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 2014