



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

Minutes: April 1, 2015

Open Meeting/Call to order at 19:37 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, Harry Price, Chairman, Paul Avery (Twp Committee Liaison)

Excused Absence: None

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from March 4, 2015 were approved

Motion: Barbara Green

Second: Tom Dust

Continuing Business:

Solar Project for Township: Not doable at the present time as total kw usage is under the minimum requirement.

Paulina Dam: Project on hold for the present time due to lack of funding. The Township Committee presently has a two-year window to revisit this issue and seek avenues of additional funding.

Jones Farm Hayfield: This project has hit a snag. Harry Price suggested that a letter be drawn up requesting the Township Committee propose an addendum to the management agreement allowing for the cutting of hay/maintenance on the upper field only of Jones Farm. It was discussed that perhaps our two freeholders, Rick Gardner and Ed Smith, and State Senator Steve Oroho be made aware of this dilemma and ask for their assistance in the matter. BEC members unanimously agreed to this request. A letter will be forthcoming within the next two weeks and copies will be sent to BEC members. Once the letter is prepared, Paul Avery, our liaison with the Township Committee, and Susan Price, liaison to the Open Space Committee, we be provided with copies to discuss with the other Township Committee members at their next meeting.

"Home" for BEC Documents: Paul Avery advised the Commission that the Township Clerk, Phyllis E. Pizzaia, RMC will secure a place for the BEC documents, etc. and that these materials should be given to her directly for safe keeping.

Township Website: Paul Avery, Township Committee Liaison, suggested to the BEC members that a letter be sent to the Township Clerk, Phyllis E. Pizzaia, RMC with our grievances concerning the website. This will enable us to resolve issues in question. It was proposed that a volunteer position be made available to monitor the updates needed on the website.

Correspondence:

Second application for a BEC member was submitted to the Township Clerk, Phyllis E. Pizzaia RMC on March 24th and is awaiting approval by our Mayor Herman Shoemaker.

PSE&G multi permit application received.

Hope Environmental Committee inviting BEC members to a seminar on Sustainable New Jersey.

New Business:

LED lighting: Harry Price, Chairman, is looking into switching the lighting in the municipal building to LED fixtures. Mr. Price will pursue this and will advise on the initial cost and long-term savings to the municipality as soon as this information is available.

Three articles were discussed:

Liberty Alliance: UN Climate Chief admits to the goal of regulation is world-wide redistribution of wealth.

News Max: Dark Winter \$22 billion global warming scam

Clash Daily: Backyard bbqs in danger from EPA regulations

Public Comment:

David Fine

Beth Arena

Adjournment: Motion made by Barbara Green; Seconded by Carolyn Fenton at 20:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gunther, Secretary, BEC

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2015