



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

Minutes: March 4, 2015

Open Meeting/Call to order at 19:37 p.m. by Chairman Harry Price.
This was our first meeting of the year due to inclement weather and lack of forum.

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, Barbara Green, Patricia Gunther, Harry Price, Chairman, Paul Avery (Twp Committee Liaison)

Excused Absence: Carolyn Fenton

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from November 5, 2014 were approved.

Motion: Barbara Green

Second: Tom Dust

Re-organization for 2015 according to by-laws – Nomination of Officers:

Chairman: Harry Price – Motion: Patricia Gunther; Second: Barbara Green

Vice Chair: Tom Dust - Motion: Harry Price; Second: Patricia Gunther

Secretary: Patricia Gunther – Motion: Harry Price; Second: Tom Dust

Continuing Business:

Solar Project Township, Paulina Dam, Jones Farm Hayfield all at a stand still for various reasons as Harry Price gave the Commission an overview on each project's situation.

New Business:

Highlands Regional Master Plan Meeting: Meeting held in Belvidere at the Wayne Dumont Building on January 29th. Harry Price attended this meeting. A copy of the Township's Resolution regarding Highlands was emailed to all Commission members. April 30th is the deadline date to offer comments and suggestions to Highlands. The BEC will offer their suggestions before the dead line.

Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Meeting was held at the Vo-Tech High School on January 22nd. Harry Price attended this meeting. Warren County has a grant to include all Warren County municipalities in its master plan now that an update is due. NJ will no longer accept individual municipal plans. Blairstown Township Committee members voted at its February meeting to be part of this process and is updating its information to submit to the County per the timetable that Warren County has established.

New Township Website: Harry Price advised us that the new website was up and running. Harry Price requested the names and term limits of members be posted to the BEC section of the website. This would

serve as a public notice for those who wish to volunteer their time with the BEC. This request was denied by the Website Manager and the Township Clerk according to Paul Avery. Further discussion by members questioned why this request would be denied since we are the customer. Also, Harry Price requested that a “contact” link be designed so that we can respond to inquiries. It was also suggested that a page be set aside with volunteer forms and factual sheets. Paul Avery will inquire and advise.

Correspondence:

A new application for a BEC member was submitted to the Township Clerk on February 3rd. Presently awaiting approval by the Mayor and Township Committee.

Wander Ecological Consultants c/o 15 Mt. Vernon Rd. Wetlands Application

Postcard notification re: 19th Annual NJ Land Conservation Rally for Friday, March 6th in Trenton, NJ

ESRI Newsletter (Winter 2014/2015)

Dynamic Engineering REF: 110 Rte 94 (Dollar Store) Proposal has been read by our Chairman, Harry Price, and is now forwarded to Tom Dust, BEC member for review.

PS&S REF: JCP&L Multi-Permit Application

After Harry Price reviewed our correspondence, the question arose if there is a place for the BEC to have a “home” in the municipal building to keep our correspondence as well as other important documents and materials pertinent to the BEC. Mr. Price asked Paul Avery to check with the municipal office to see if we can secure a place to keep such materials for the BEC.

Public Comment: Susan Price, Township Committee Member
Offered comments regarding the Highlands Regional Master Plan, the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and also offered additional suggestions for the municipal website. David Fine also made some comments.

Adjournment: Motion made by Harry Price; Seconded by Barbara Green at 20:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gunther, Secretary, BEC

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2015