

**MINUTES
OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held in Town Hall on December 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

James Gallagher, Chairman of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, called the meeting to order and acted as the Chairman thereof, and Kristen H. Hamilton acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant with the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on January 7, 2008, of this meeting's date, time, place, and agenda, was mailed to the news media, was posted on the Township bulletin board, was mailed to those requesting personal notice, and was filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dietrich Wahlers, Anna Drago, Andrew Johnson, Barbara Rogers, John Reinfelder, Haiyan Wang and James Gallagher.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 17, 2008, meeting were approved on a motion by Dietrich Wahlers; seconded by Andrew Johnson. All in favor.

WORK SESSION

Preserve Management Plan – Barbara Rogers spoke to Laura Coover at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), who recommended certain websites to look at regarding the multiflora rose problem. After reviewing the websites, Ms. Rogers feels that a larger problem could possibly be created if the multiflora rose is not removed correctly. It would be best to start small and see how it works. A plant specialist from the NRCS is to contact Ms. Rogers. Jim Gallagher provided Ms. Rogers with information from Cathy Marcelli to see if the project could possibly be a mitigation plan.

Anna Drago will contact the Nature Conservancy, who did a program “Invasive Species Initiative” for the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed a couple of years ago.

It was noted that the kiosk on Main Street could be updated with information on the native grass planting.

Cranbury Brook Preserve – An Ordinance was introduced on first reading by the Township Committee on December 7, 2008, with a second reading to be held on December 22, 2008, granting two (2) acres of the West Property to the school, with the balance of the property being incorporated into the Preserve. Once the Deed is prepared, it will be given to the Township Planner.

Dietrich Wahlers advised that the area in question at the November meeting was incorporated into the Preserve property when the Barclay property was sold.

2009 Goals – The Commission reviewed a draft of the 2009 Goals. The Secretary will make the necessary changes and forward to the Commission prior to the January meeting.

Newsletter – The Secretary will prepare something for the newsletter, which will include the Stream Clean-Up, the River Friendly Program, the grasslands planting in the Preserve and the vacancy existing on the Commission.

DISCUSSION

John Reinfelder will get the cost for a Rutgers intern to compile the soil testing data.

The Commission questioned how it is determined when the lake is to be lowered and if there is a Management Plan in place. The Secretary will ask the Public Works Department.

The Secretary will send a copy of the energy audit to the Commission members.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am duly elected and acting secretary of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission and,

That the foregoing minutes of the Environmental Commission, held on November 17, 2008, consisting of 2 pages, constitute a true and correct copy of the minutes of the said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed the name of said Environmental Commission the 26th day of January, 2009.

Kristen H. Hamilton, Secretary