

**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 November 16, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jim 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 December 1, 2008, of this meeting's date, time, place and agenda, was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and was filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Gallagher, John Reinfelder, Andrew Johnson, Barbara Rogers, Susan Goetz, Anna Drago, Paul Mullen and Dietrich Wahlers.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 19, 2009, meeting were approved on a motion by Barbara Rogers; seconded by Andrew Johnson. Jim Gallagher and John Reinfelder in favor; all others abstained.

WORK SESSION

Preserve Management Plan – The Department of Public Works is to apply hay on the wildflower seeds. Andrew Johnson will draft a letter to Jerry Thorne, with a copy to Christine Smeltzer, thanking him for preparing the land for planting and giving mowing guidelines pursuant to the grant received from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Riparian Zone Model Ordinance – Dietrich Wahlers advised that he spoke with a representative of Middlesex County, who advised that they are not requiring municipalities to take any action until next year.

New Jersey Turnpike Mitigation Project – Barbara Rogers, as a representative of the Environmental Commission, attended an organizational meeting and a follow-up meeting of the Turnpike Tree Committee. The Committee visited five (5) potential planting sites. Ms. Rogers questioned if any other municipalities have been through a similar process. Dietrich Wahlers will inquire.

Anna Drago voiced her concern with damage being done to the streams as a result of the Turnpike widening.

Sustainable Jersey – Barbara Rogers drafted a Resolution that could be presented to the Township Committee in support of “Sustainable Jersey”. Barbara Rogers stated there are things being done within the Township, i.e. energy efficient firehouse doors, etc. that the public is not aware of. “Sustainable Jersey” could be used as a tool for communication within the Township as to what is being done. The Secretary will draft a letter to David Stout, Township Committee liaison to the Environmental Commission, enclosing the Resolution and asking for his input before submitting it to the Township Committee. A link to Sustainable Jersey should be included in the letter.

Alfred Meiss Resource Conservation Award – John Haney, Cranbury School Superintendent, represented the proposal to the Board of Education. A response has not yet been received.

DISCUSSION

Unami Woods Art Project – Tamara Woronchuk, art teacher at Cranbury School, is to speak with the fourth grade teachers regarding the proposed project, since the fourth grade is the class that studies the Lenape Indians.

A concern was raised with the amount of soil being piled up on the Preserve property. Jim Gallagher will draft a letter regarding same. Susan Goetz will take photographs to include with the letter.

A letter was received from the Township Clerk advising that the following members' terms expire at the end of 2009: John Reinfelder, Susan Goetz, Barbara Rogers, Dietrich Wahlers and Haiyan Wang. All members present at the meeting agreed to be reappointed. The Secretary will send an email to Haiyan Wang asking if she desires to be reappointed.

Barbara Rogers advised that the eighth grade class at Cranbury School wishes to make a donation to the Helene Cody Foundation and is looking for ideas. Suggestions were benches for the parks, planting crocuses or trees.

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 the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, and that this document, consisting of 2 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on November 16, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 21st day of December, 2009.

Kristen H. Hamilton, Secretary