

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
July 13, 2015

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Dave Cook, Susan Goetz, Glenn Johnson, and Dan Mulligan, and Mayor Jay Taylor. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance and Kathleen Cunningham, Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator. Mayor Taylor led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Cunningham gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided:

- (1) Posted on December 2, 2014 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.
- (2) Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 2, 2014.
- (3) Filed on December 2, 2014 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection.
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Regular Township Committee Minutes of June 22, 2015

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the Regular Township Committee Minutes of June 22, 2015 were adopted.

Closed Session of Minutes of June 22, 2015

On motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of June 22, 2015 (two sets) were adopted.

Closed Session of Minutes of June 23, 2015

On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of June 23, 2015 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

Mayor

--Mayor Taylor reported the 2015 tax rate has been certified by the County, and the rate will be 1.898, which is less than 2014's rate of 1.905.

Mayor Taylor reported an estimated 3,000 people attended the fireworks on July 5th. He reported the painting on the exterior of Town Hall will begin this week, and stated any damaged wood will be taken care of. Mayor Taylor reported work is being done on the sump pump in the Boy Scout Room to avoid any future flooding and damage to the wood floors in the room. He reported two (2) of the lights in the Town Hall Meeting Room will be replaced with ceiling fans. Mayor Taylor reported the bushes by the side door of the Fire House, which block the passageway, will be removed within the next few weeks, and reported East Windsor Carpet and Flooring will be installing a wood floor in the Fire House Meeting Room.

Mayor Taylor reported the "Touch-a-Truck" event will be held on July 18th. National Night Out, sponsored by the Cranbury FOP will be held on August 4th in Village Park. Mayor Taylor reported the next hearing on the Alpha Healing Center will be held on August 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Room.

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Reports and Communications
Mayor (continued)

Mayor Taylor reported there are two (2) sections of Code in the Township's Code Book that deal with industrial zones (150-41 J. and 150-41 I.). Code 150-41 J. neglects to include two (2) of the industrial zones that are included in Code 150-41 I. Mr. Jeff Graydon, Cranbury Township Zoning Officer, has asked to have the Code modified. Mayor Taylor explained if the Township Committee meets on July 27th (which was scheduled as an "optional" meeting for the year), the first reading of the Ordinance can be held, and the Ordinance can then be referred to the Planning Board, and referred back to the Township Committee in time for the August 10th meeting. Mayor Taylor explained there has been an applicant waiting to have this corrected. In considering whether to have the optional July 27th meeting, Mayor Taylor explained there is also an issue with a number of Boards not being able to hold meetings because of a lack of a quorum and an issue with unexcused absences. He stated he would like to have the July 27th meeting to have a Work Session to address strengthening the absence policy. Mayor Taylor stated at a meeting with the Township Attorney, it was suggested the Township develop a policy for notices to residents regarding use variances. Mayor Taylor stated all of these issues could be addressed.

Reports and Communications
--Members of Committee

Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook reported it has been very difficult obtaining the permit from the DEP for the remediation of the Lake's edge in Village Park. He stated the project in Village Park is much smaller in scale than the Bridge and Dam Project; however, the permit process has been much more complicated. Mr. Cook reported the Bridge wiring for the sluice gate and sockets on both sides of the Lake was approved by the County. The next step is getting a quote from Rock Solid to do the installation. Mr. Cook reported he attended a Library Board Meeting and reported fundraising for the new Library continues.

Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan reported the Township did its affordable housing filing last week. Mr. Mulligan informed the public that the Township is working with the County Courts now since COAH no longer exists at the State. He stated he feels the Township's plan is strong and hopes the Township receives a positive outcome. He reported Monroe's plan was challenged at the County level by builders in Monroe so the Cranbury Township will be monitoring that. He stated Cranbury is ideally looking for protection.

He stated when the Township parking spots were installed by the West Property driveway, it was discussed that bushes would be placed between the parking spaces and the home. Mr. Mulligan stated he was confident this was discussed and requested that Public Works Department work with the homeowner to place some bushes as a buffer between the parking spaces and the house. The Township Committee agreed, and Mr. Mulligan stated he will work with Ms. Marabello and Mr. Jerry Thorne of Public Works to plant the bushes.

Ms. Goetz

Ms. Goetz reported she and Mr. Johnson are members of the Subcommittee of the Planning Board to address the Hagerty/Cheney/Kushner redevelopment project. She reported they reached out to the School Board to discuss the potential impact of the development on the school.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated he had nothing to report this evening.

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Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported there were no agenda additions or changes.

Public Comment - For Agenda Items

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to public questions and comments for items on the Agenda. There being no comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Ordinance

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 07-15-13

An Ordinance entitled, # 07-15-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 143 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" was introduced for first reading. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Goetz, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes:	(Cook	Abstain:	(None
	(Goetz	Absent:	(None
	(Johnson		
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		

Nays (None

Second Reading – July 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 143 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

WHEREAS, Chapter 143 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code") addresses vehicular and traffic issues within the Township; and

WHEREAS, 143-3 Speed Limits of this chapter addresses speed limits for both directions of traffic along the following streets or parts of streets; and

WHEREAS, Station Road from US 130 North to the Township line was inadvertently omitted from Ordinance No. 06-15-11; and

WHEREAS, Station Road from South Main Street to US 130 South required a speed survey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has certified by speed survey for Station Road from South Main Street to US 130 South that the following speed limit be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as if fully restated.

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 07-15-13
(Continued)

Section 143-3 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), entitled "Speed Limits," is hereby amended and shall read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

§ 143-3. Speed Limits.

Speed Limit		
<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>(mph)</u>	<u>Limits</u>
STATION ROAD	25	From South Main St to US 130 South
STATION ROAD	50	From US 130 North to Twp. Line

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey statutes, every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days or both.

SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Ordinance
Second Reading

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, # 06-15-12, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 110 PEACE AND GOOD ORDER" was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township's website, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. Mayor Taylor asked the Township Committee if they had any comments. No one present wished to speak, so the public hearing on the Ordinance was declared closed.

On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Ayes:	(Cook	Abstain: (None
	(Goetz	Absent: (None
	(Johnson	
	(Mulligan	
	(Taylor	
Nays	(None	

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Resolutions
Consent Agenda

Mayor Taylor asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments concerning the Consent Agenda. Ms. Goetz requested that the Resolution for SAVE be addressed separately. There were no additional comments from the Committee, and the Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of the SAVE Resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, and the following Resolutions were passed by vote:

Ayes:	(Cook	Abstain:	(None
	(Goetz	Absent:	(None
	(Johnson		
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		

Nays (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-15-086

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury that all bills and claims as audited and found to be correct be paid.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-15-087

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
TO CORNER HOUSE FOR COUNSELING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury seeks to retain the services of a counselor to provide counseling services in connection with the Township's Municipal Alliance Programs and more specifically, to conduct weekly counseling chat groups with middle school students at Cranbury School; and

WHEREAS, Corner House has offered to provide said services to the Township through the end of this year in consideration for payment of a fee of \$40.00 per hour and for the not-to-exceed contract amount of \$10,080.00; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount does not exceed the Township's bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., allows the Township Committee to award a services agreement not exceeding the bid threshold without competitive bidding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Corner House to provide counseling services in connection with the Township's Municipal Alliance Programs and more specifically, to conduct weekly counseling chat groups with middle school students at Cranbury School.
2. Corner House shall be paid a fee of \$40.00 per hour. The total contract amount shall not exceed \$10,080.00 and the agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2015.

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-15-089

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE
OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR SILCRETE

WHEREAS, Silcrete has requested the release of their Maintenance Bond previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated July 1, 2015 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the remaining \$6,645.42 maintenance bond be released:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

It has reviewed, agrees with and hereby accepts all recommendations of the Township Engineer as set forth in "Exhibit A".

1. It hereby authorizes the release of performance guarantees set forth in the Township Engineer's letter referenced above.
2. The Township hereby accepts the public improvements, if any so designated pursuant to the Planning Board's approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy and forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) Sean Earlen, Silcrete

Resolution

Ms. Goetz stated she wanted to thank Ms. Marabello and Mr. Jerry Thorne, Public Works Manager, for their efforts in finding an acceptable animal shelter for Cranbury. Ms. Goetz explained to the public that Helmetta had been Cranbury's animal shelter for several years, and after citizens brought to light concerns about Helmetta's operation, it was apparent Cranbury needed a new shelter. Ms. Goetz stated SAVE is a no-kill shelter. Any animals found by the Animal Control Officer will be brought to SAVE. On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, and the following Resolution was passed by vote:

Ayes:	(Cook	Abstain:	(None
	(Goetz	Absent:	(None
	(Johnson		
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		
Nays	(None		

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-15-088

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is in need for animal impoundment services; and

WHEREAS, "Save Animal Rescue" (SAVE) complies with all New Jersey State Health Department regulations and Mercer County and Middlesex County Health Department regulations; and

WHEREAS, SAVE has agreed to provide to Cranbury Township full-time kennel services at their Shelter for the term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, SAVE will bill the Township on a monthly basis for services provided to the Township based upon the fee schedule as outlined in the Agreement (attached herewith); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury it hereby directs the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agreement with SAVE for animal impoundment services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution be sent to SAVE along with a fully-executed Agreement.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello stated she had nothing to report.

--Assistant Administrator's Report

Ms. Cunningham stated July 27th is marked "optional" on the yearly calendar, and inquired if the Township Committee wanted to meet on that date. The Township Committee agreed to meet on July 27th to have the first reading for the ordinance for the industrial zones and to address work session items.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

There were no reports from Township Board and Commissions.

Work Session

- (1) Presentation by the Environmental Commission and Parks Commission on a Proposal for a Walking Trail Along Old Cranbury Road (starting at the Millstone River and looping around the Hagerty Property)

Mr. Paul Mullen, North Main Street and a member of the EC presented to the Township Committee and the public the EC and Park's proposal for a walking trail. Mr. Hunter Pormilli, Eagle Scout candidate discussed his project proposal to build a trail. Mr. Mullen stated the original thought was to have a walking trail along the Shadow Oaks stream corridor on Township property. After some preliminary walking, it was determined it would not be feasible to get through some of the area. Mr. Mullen stated the next idea was to create a trail around the Millstone and the Hagerty property. He stated this trail would not be close to any private property or near the Shadow Oaks stream corridor. He stated the trail would follow the currently existing natural trails. He described the proposed location of the trail.

Hunter described his involvement as part of his Eagle Scout project. He stated the trail would be cleaned up and markers would be placed. Ms. Goetz inquired how long the trail

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would be, and Mr. Mullen stated it would be a little more than a mile. Ms. Goetz asked if it would be connected to the trail defined by the trees on the Fisher property, and Mr. Mullen stated the natural trail on Old Cranbury Road is located down by the Millstone. There was additional discussion about future trails on Old Cranbury Road.

Mr. Cook asked how high profile the trail would be and inquired about the trail's signage. Mr. Mullen described the sign, stating it would just bring awareness of the trail's location. Mr. Cook asked about the distance from Shadow Oaks property lines, stating the distance depicted on the map seems significant. Mr. Mullen stated the trail would not go near the properties. Mr. Cook confirmed with Mr. Mullen that the bushes and shrubbery between the trail and homes would not be removed or cut and no access would be provided from the trails to private property, and it was confirmed the brush would remain. Mr. Mullen stated there is a bridge that was a Boy Scout project that people could walk over which would lead to the dead end of Farmstead. Mr. Mullen stated that would be the closest the trail gets to private property. The signage would be there to identify the trail for the convenience of Cranbury residents.

Hunter described the timeline of this project stating it would take a few weekends to clear the trails. Brush would be cleared and low dead branches would be pushed back into the woods. The trail would remain natural looking. Ms. Goetz asked if there was a need for the Public Works Department to assist, and Hunter stated he did not need assistance.

Mr. Mullen stated the Township Committee would need to view and approve the signage. He recommended a Township Ordinance sign be put at the Old Cranbury Road parking lot which would specify the trail only be accessed between dawn and dusk.

Mayor Taylor there was a trail built years ago and within a year the brush had taken over again. He stated if this trail is built, there will need to be a commitment from the EC or the Boy Scouts to keep the trail maintained. Mr. Mullen stated people will have to take turns to maintain all the trails in the Township, as well as the bike path in Village Park. Mayor Taylor stated the Township does not have the manpower in Public Works to clear trails, and the responsibility to maintain the trails would fall to volunteers. After discussion about the buffer between the trail and private properties, Mr. Cook stated the wider buffer margin would give homeowners more comfort.

Ms. Goetz stated she has walked the area and stated there is really no way to cross the creek without using the Boy Scout bridge. She stated the area definitely needs work, and stated it would be nice to have the trails connected and have access to the bridge.

The Committee discussed reconfiguring the trail to keep it as far as possible from private property. Mr. Mullen explained the trail was mapped to stay away from private property while connecting the various trails together.

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Work Session (continued)

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Mayor Taylor stated when the bridge was built by an Eagle Scout years ago, and residents did not have complaints about the frequent use of the trail.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments.

Ms. Patty Janovitz, Washington Drive, thanked the Township Committee for their consideration of the Shadow Oaks property owners. Ms. Janovitz stated she was at Mr. Mullen's presentation to the Parks Commission and stated she was concerned at some statements made at that meeting that were not made this evening. She reported at the Parks Commission it was stated that it was important what would be said at the Township Committee because the public would be there. She stated it was worrisome to her that information by our governing boards or body should be thought as secretive. Ms. Janovitz stated the map is slightly different from the one presented at the Parks Commission meeting, stating the trail comes closer to private property. Ms. Janovitz stated at the Parks Commission meeting, the idea of a trail behind the Shadow Oaks properties was discussed, and the statement was made that this trail is just a start. She stated she finds that worrisome and therefore she is not trusting of what is being presented. Ms. Janovitz further voiced her concerns that a trail will eventually be behind the Shadow Oaks homes. She stated there are so many names for the property behind Shadow Oaks, which was confusing to the Parks Commission members, and she stated confusing for the public as well. Ms. Janovitz stated she wanted to go on record as having spoken to the DEP again on July 6th, and it was confirmed to her again that any trails made on the property behind Shadow Oaks, which is protected fresh water wetlands, requires a general permit and an official survey of that property. She stated official notification must be made to any property within 200 feet of any trail that is being planned. While she is comforted that the DEP is protecting the residents, she stated she hopes the Township Committee will do as much or more.

Mayor Taylor stated he was confused as well about the location of the "Millstone" as it applies to many areas. He stated this Committee has no desire to plan a trail behind Shadow Oaks. Mayor Taylor confirmed what is being discussed this evening is a trail along Old Cranbury Road and looping around. He stated it is the job of the Parks Commission and EC to put plans together for consideration; however, he stated this Committee is not considering anything behind Shadow Oaks. Mr. Cook stated the Committee is looking at the trail as presented and is assuming the trail is compliant with the DEP or legal standpoint.

Mr. Mullen stated he did not who Ms. Janovitz spoke to at the DEP, and she stated she spoke to Jeff Alfred, not Bob Clark who is in the Enforcement Office and is the emergency contact should anyone be found blazing trails without authorization. Mr. Mullen stated he called Mr. Clark and explained the location of the trail and Mr. Clark stated it did not look as if the trail went through wetlands; however, the trail followed the Millstone. Mr. Mullen confirmed to the DEP that there would not be any improvements, construction or wood chips done to the trail. The DEP stated a checklist had to be completed, and if there are any concerns, Mr. Mullen stated a permit would have to be obtained and there would be a 200 foot notification. At this point, the checklist will be submitted to the DEP, and stated the process should not take long.

Mr. Mulligan recommended involving the Township Engineer to remove any concerns or questions. He stated the Engineer could work with the DEP and complete the necessary permit, if needed. Involving the Engineer would not slow the process and would make it cleaner. Ms. Janovitz stated the area by Shadow Oaks has already been declared protected fresh water wetlands.

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Public Comment (continued)

Mr. Keith Pormilli, Hunter's father, stated he walked the property with Hunter and stated there is drainage between the field and the houses and he stated you never cross that drainage area. He stated that you actually come back into the field at some point and you intersect with the other trail where the bridge is. Mr. Mulligan confirmed to Hunter that the Township Committee is very comfortable with the Boy Scout side of the project and is just sorting through other issues concerning the wetlands. He requested again that Hunter come back at a later date to have the signage approved by the Township Committee.

Ms. Kim Kenny, Washington Drive, also thanked the Township Committee's consideration for Shadow Oaks. She stated she wanted to know how far the trail would be from her property. She stated there are a lot of animals behind her property and stated she feels it is not safe for hikers, and stated she is concerned that she would not feel safe with people walking behind her home. Mayor Taylor reiterated this trail is not going anywhere near Washington Drive. He stated the property behind Shadow Oaks is Township property; however people should only be walking there between dawn to dusk, and the police should be called if there are people there after dark.

Ms. Janovitz stated the Committee is saying tonight they are not in favor of a trail behind Shadow Oaks; however, when Mr. Tom Weidner, Chairman of the Park Commission was presenting the Commission's 2015, the Committee was in favor of his presentation. She inquired if that has changed. Mr. Cook stated this has been a process and Mr. Weidner's was one of the ideas presented. He stated the Committee is listening to proposals and trying to maximize the solution by being more accommodating to the residents while still considering all the different aspects of the uses of public land. He stated looking at the map, the closest property line is 116 feet so there should be significant comfort with the distance. Ms. Janovitz stated the property owners want to know what is being done and not feel decisions are being made behind their backs.

Mr. Mulligan stated the trail starts across from his house and this is the first he is seeing the plans as well. He confirmed the map as presented should not be a problem, but did point out that people are permitted on the Township property behind Shadow Oaks. Ms. Janovitz stated she does not have a problem with that. Mr. Mullen recommended again the Township Engineer be involved to validate the process. Mr. Mulligan suggested he and Mr. Mullen walk the area and see if there is anything that should be changed.

Mayor Taylor suggested the board secretaries refer to this area of the trail as Millstone Old Cranbury Road and trails by Shadow Oaks be called Millstone Washington Drive. He stated if he is confused, he can understand how the residents would be confused. Mr. Cook suggested the map as presented be labeled "Exhibit A" to alleviate the concerns of multiple designs floating around. Ms. Goetz suggested the map be on one page, not on two as printed and requested Mr. Mullen's e-mail with attachment be sent to the Township Committee for review.

Dr. Barbara Rogers, Chair of the Environmental Commission, stated she has been at most of the meetings when this topic was discussed and stated the Boards have been very clear about where this trail was intended. She wanted the Township Committee and public to realize the EC and Parks Commission have not been doing anything under the table. She reported Mr. Weidner, Chair of the Parks, suggested that they take a look at the top of the trail. Dr. Rogers stated the EC makes recommendations; however, they do not take any action without the approval of the Township Committee. She stated an Eagle Scout candidate was eager to help with the project. Dr. Rogers stated the trail would be on public property which residents pay taxes for.

Mr. Richard Kallen, Wynnewood Drive, asked for clarification on the maps. There was discussion on how to make the maps less confusing.

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Public Comment (continued)

Mr. Evan Janovitz, Washington Drive, suggested impact analysis be conducted for any future projects which would result in major changes.

Mr. Mulligan clarified that Mr. Bill Tanner, Township Engineer, will work with Mr. Mullen on the checklist. Mr. Mulligan stated he will work with Mr. Mullen on reviewing the trail. Mr. Cook agreed, stating perhaps the map as depicted is the best location, but urged the trail be kept as far away from private property as possible. Ms. Goetz stated the whole property is not wetlands, and if necessary the trail can be adjusted. She asked if the Township Committee can approve the concept of Hunter's Eagle Scout project. The Township Committee agreed; however, the final footprint will need to be finalized. Hunter stated he needs to fill out the formal proposal for submittal to Council. Ms. Marabello reminded Hunter to fill out the paperwork for Township approval.

Ms. Vivian Price, Jackson Court, stated she applauds Hunter's project; however, she stated an outside consultant should be brought in to assess the impact of traffic, parking and safety to Shadow Oaks. She stated those areas should be addressed before approving Hunter's project. Mayor Taylor stated he grew up on Scottsdale near Farmstead Way when the trail was originally built by Boy Scouts and stated he never saw cars parked there. He stated he thought there would be more cars parked on Old Cranbury Road because the trail is more visible to traffic. Mayor Taylor stated he canvassed some residents on Scottsdale Court and they were in favor of the trail. Mr. Cook stated he was comfortable with Hunter's component of the project with the idea that the footprint of the trail is not yet finalized and will be dependent on further review by Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Mullen, the Township Engineer and the DEP. Mr. Cook stated it is understood that the borders between the trail and private property be maximized.

Dr. Rogers stated there is a parking lot on Old Cranbury Road and that is where the sign will be and where people will park to access the trail. Mr. Mullen agreed stating Unami Woods and the Reinhardt Preserve both have signs identifying the trails, and stated the Reinhardt Preserve on the highly-trafficked Plainsboro Road has at most two (2) cars parked at a time. He stated the EC maintains these trails and will maintain the new trail as well. Mr. Mulligan stated the new trail will probably impact his home the most; however, he stated the impact will less than we think.

Ms. Janovitz asked if the impact on the redevelopment of the Hagerty property was considered, stating more people will be moving into that area. Mayor Taylor stated that is still in discussion and the numbers have not yet been determined.

Mr. Keith Pormilli stated a new Venture Patrol has been started in Cranbury Boy Scouts. The Patrol consists of 14 to 18 year olds, and they have been called up numerous times by the Environmental Commission to work clearing trails and have helped with the Rain Garden. Dr. Rogers reported the High School Environmental Club have also helped and stated this has been a very positive community experience for the young people. Mayor Taylor confirmed the Township Committee is in agreement with Hunter's project.

There being no further comments, Mayor Taylor closed the public portion of the Work Session.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Taylor reported a few meetings ago he announced the Arbor Day Foundation congratulated Cranbury on being a Tree City USA for 2013. He announced he just received the 2014 letter this week. Mayor Taylor stated he had no additional comments.

Township Committee Member Notes

The Township Committee had no additional comments.

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Mayor Taylor requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC
Municipal Clerk