

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
January 17, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, N.J., on Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. THIS IS A CHANGE from the regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 5, 2016, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Barbara Rogers, chair of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barbara Rogers, Paul Mullen, James Gallagher, Becky Mathers Lowery, Theresa Vaccaro and Andy Johnson were present. Paul Ginoux and Janice McDonnell were absent. Dave Marabello emailed his absence.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

William Novak, Cranbury School liaison to the EC
Ed DiFiglia, Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Policy Specialist

REORGANIZATION

Barbara Rogers was named Chair by the Township Committee at their reorganization meeting on January 3. Paul Mullen was reappointed to the Commission and the DRC. Jim Gallagher was reappointed to the Planning Board as the Environmental Commission representative. Tonight, commissioners were given an updated membership list and list of meeting dates.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Paul Mullen; seconded by Andy Johnson. Becky Mathers Lowery abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management – DPW will be contacted on installation of a snow fence around the rain garden and a tree limb down on a trail in the Cranbury Brook Preserve; also gravel for the Reinhardt Forest Preserve and Pin Oaks parking lots.

Sustainable Jersey –

School Programs – First round application will be submitted for Sustainable Jersey for Schools. Last week, during the Cranbury School's in-service day, some teachers worked with Sustainable Jersey for Schools. There were three speakers – two from Sodexo, and a representative from an energy company, Schneider Electric.

Mrs. Lowery is writing a monthly piece for the school newsletter about the Wellness and Sustainability Council.

Will reported that he attended the Blue Ribbon Reception at the state house along with other school personnel. While there, during the Green School awards, he also learned about green ideas for schools to bring back to the Student Council. Collection of Little Bites packages and zip loc bags is on tap for Terracycle.

Dr. Rogers obtained a rain gauge to measure rainfall amounts and will share with the school.

NEW BUSINESS

Year End Report 2016/Goals 2017 – Ideas include mapping conservation easements; outreach and public information about the easements; applying for an ANJEC grant; sustainability at the schools; investigating a water conservation ordinance; managing open spaces; continuing the Alfred Meiss Award; continue membership with ANJEC, NJISST and Stony Brook Millstone Watershed; continue promoting the ERI to public and its use in planning; participate in Cranbury Day; manage the rain garden.

Mr. DiFiglia offered the Watershed's GIS services.

Township Winter Newsletter– Mr. Johnson submitted information on the ERI; Dr. Rogers submitted info on Sustainable Jersey; Mrs. Lowery will submit information on the school activities.

APPLICATIONS – None of consequence.

PUBLIC COMMENT–Mr. DiFiglia asked about the future Liberty Way bridge, which is planned to be built in environmentally sensitive areas. He noted that the stormwater management needs to be monitored, as the detention basins are already filling up. Mr. Johnson attended a Township Committee meeting this month and reported that the management of the Liberty Way area is at the top of this year's agenda for the township.

Mr. DiFiglia offered the support of the Watershed and asked to keep them informed.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Jim Gallagher, seconded by Andy Johnson, thereupon adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. on a motion. All were in favor.

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 two (2) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on January 17, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Wendy W. Borg, Secretary