



## Union Township Environmental Commission

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### Minutes from November 15, 2011 Regular Meeting

#### Call to Order:

**“Sunshine Law” Announcement:** Our notice as published in the *Hunterdon County Democrat* and *Express Times* satisfies the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act and is also posted on the Township website and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**Roll Call:** Chuck La Tournous, Don Church, Sandy Stiger, Steve Hurford, Chuck Neary, Bill Harclerode, Brett Bragin. Alan Ford was absent.

**Public Education Event:** Tadhgh Rainey of the Hunterdon County Health Department gave an excellent presentation of insect pests found in this area and said he would make the presentation available for residents to download from the Township website. Donald Church demonstrated how to make an inexpensive stinkbug trap using household materials. The Commission thanked both for their informative presentations.

#### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Brett Bragin moved to approve and Sandy Stiger seconded; motion passed

#### Old Business:

- ANJEC Conservation Easement Grant: Michele will need our help in putting article in the newsletter and getting it out to residents by year’s end.
- Transco pipeline: Nothing new to report; Bill will continue to track.
- UTEC Vacancy. Getting word out to get a new Commission member through website and newsletter.

#### Correspondence:

- Copy of Resolution on Road Noise received from Hasbrouck Heights in response to the Road Noise group’s letter, which was mailed to every municipality in the state.
- Received notice of proposal to complete work on the Jutland Dam by the DEP.
- Notification of contaminated site 5-Star gas, possibly by the Busy Bee.
- Received notice of a renewal of an application for Renaissance at Union waste water treatment facility. This was approved in 2007 but not done yet.

#### New Business:

- Pattenberg Quarry Vernal Pond Proposed Relocation: We were asked by the Township Committee to review the proposal. Sub group will meet to review as soon as we are given a copy of the proposal.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Chuck L reviewed our goals and objectives for 2011: well testing program, anti-idling education program, open space property inspections, environmental easements, trails, riparian planting, spring cleanup with South Branch Watershed Association, public education event on stinkbugs, etc, improve public communication on our website, Facebook page, two newsletters (one electronic and one printed), review Sustainable NJ efforts, road noise letter to all NJ municipalities, update Planning Board review process. All complete or near complete; Chuck L will prepare UTEC Annual Report to the Township Committee.

### **Planning Board Liaison's Report:**

Alan is out of town but reported by email that the Perryville convenience store is in progress and there are no new applications.

### **Reports of Subcommittees:**

- Open Space: Nothing to report
- Trails: Markers are in place; trail maps and holders are in place and supply is sufficient. Sandy will monitor and replenish trail maps as necessary.
- Communication: Newsletter ready to go. Michelle provided article on easement grant. Should go out this week. Bill asked that we consider including an article on fertilizer use in the Spring edition..
- Highlands: No activity.
- Sustainability/Green Team: Looking to identify a couple action items, but no push to earn next level of certification at this time.
- Road Noise: Resident complained to Township Committee about engine breaking noise.
- Contaminated Sites: Chuck sent out with a link to a Google map with an overlay of state-identified contaminated sites in the Township. ERI map updated when the Highlands report done. Brett to continue to monitor and investigate.

**Hearing of Citizens:** No citizens present.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 12/13/2011.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bill and seconded by Chuck N. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald E. Church  
Secretary