

Independence Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by H. Noble at 7:30 pm.

In attendance

H. Noble, C. Kott, A. Montgomery, T. Tagliareni, P. Weisenstein

Approval of Minutes

H. Noble moved that we approve the minutes for both the October 25 and November 22 meetings. T. Tagliareni seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mail

No new mail.

Ongoing projects/Monthly Reports

1. Land use Board. At the board meeting on 12/19/2016 the board approved the Top of the Hill application to develop a 100'x50' building for maintenance and an increase in storage trailers. The property is adjacent and behind the current Roger's Rental property that fronts Rte. 46 and Johnson rd. Access to the property will be through the Roger's rental property and only emergency access will be on Johnson Rd.

Old Business

1. Stream testing. The previous testing results still need to be consolidated for trending. A. Montgomery had suggested that if there is any grant money left it might be used for professional water testing to validate our testing methods. H. Noble reported that we cannot use any of our surplus Clean Communities grant for this project. Dates for the spring 2017 testing were discussed. May 13th was proposed. Same sites as in prior years. A. Montgomery will order new supplies as necessary.
2. RA Data well testing. H. Noble will notify the township clerk to post the dates on the town website and the large sign out on rte. 46.

New Business

1. Annual township spring cleanup. Dates were discussed. The weekend of May 6th and 7th were decided on. More details will be discussed over the next few meetings.
2. Change in officers. As T. Shaffer has a very busy schedule, naming a new vice chair was discussed. H. Noble nominated/motioned that T Tagliareni become the vice chair for the commission. P. Weisenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. H. Noble was contacted by the Musconetcong Watershed association offering to volunteer assistance on projects relating to the watershed. H. Noble may contact them for help with our 2017 stream testing project.

Adjournment

P. Weisenstein motioned we adjourn. T. Tagliareni seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on February 28, 2017.

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