

# Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission

## Agenda

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission hosts its regular meetings on the first Monday of every month. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat. This March meeting will be hosted via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic.

### AGENDA

Topic	Description
<b>Kickoff, Roll Call &amp; Connecting Moment</b>	Call meeting to order and take roll call.
<b>Presentation of Minutes</b>	Review and approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All approving except Mr. Newman and Mr. Henriksen.</li></ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open Space Acquisition Updates<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Miquin-Goracy Link (Hardy)</li><li>Whitehall Properties (Schmidt)</li><li>Miquin-Woodglen Link (aka. Bohn Property) (Duckworth)</li></ol></li><li>Litter cleanup (Duckworth)</li><li>Upcoming studies along the Musconetcong (Lawler)</li><li>Well testing (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) (Koch)</li><li>Tire recycling (Lawler)</li><li>Forest stewardship planning (Lawler)</li><li>Hunting ordinance (Duckworth)</li></ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hunterdon Land Trust donation request (Schmidt)</li><li>Musconetcong pipeline removal by Chevron (Lawler)</li><li>Hunterdon County Resolution for Highlands RMP conformance</li></ul>
<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eastern States Environmental Associates Inc.; notice of NJ DEP permit application for installation of a drainage ditch at the Bunnvale Library; dated 02-Nov-2020.</li><li>French &amp; Parrello Associates; notice of Highlands Applicability determination; reconstruction of Hunterdon County culvert along Rt. 513; dated 09-Feb-2021.</li></ul>

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### ROLL CALL

EOSC Member	Role	Attendance
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	X
Sharon Petzinger	Member	X
Warren Newman	Member	
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	
Nancy Lawler	Member	X
Sharon Hardy	Member	X
Kathy Koch	Member	X
Marty Collett	Alternate 1	X
Mike Chen	Alternate 2	X

### MEETING MINUTES

Topic	Description
<b>Kickoff, Roll Call &amp; Connecting Moment</b>	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. In addition to the EOSC members noted above, Mayor and Open Space Coordinator, Mike Schmidt, was in attendance.</p>
<b>Presentation of Minutes</b>	<p>Review and approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All approving except Mr. Newman and Mr. Henriksen</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth asked if there were any comments on the February Meeting Minutes. There were none. A motion was made by Ms. Lawler to approve the February Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Space Acquisition Updates                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Miquin-Goracy Link (Hardy)</li> <li>b. Whitehall Properties (Schmidt)</li> <li>c. Miquin-Woodglen Link (aka. Bohn Property) (Duckworth)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Litter cleanup (Duckworth)</li> <li>• Upcoming studies along the Musconetcong (Lawler)</li> <li>• Well testing (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) (Koch)</li> <li>• Tire recycling (Lawler)</li> <li>• Forest stewardship planning (Lawler)</li> <li>• Hunting ordinance (Duckworth)</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth facilitated the team through old business topics.</p> <p><u>Miquin-Goracy Link:</u> Ms. Hardy said there was no change on the Miquin-Goracy Link project and would continue to follow up with the landowner.</p> <p><u>Whitehall Properties:</u> Mayor Schmidt said that the Green Acres pre-appraisal questionnaire had been submitted and he recently heard back that it may be another couple of weeks before a response is received.</p> <p><u>Miquin-Woodglen Link:</u> Mr. Duckworth stated that he received a legacy lot plan from Mr. Bohn.</p>

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	<p>Mayor Schmidt stated that the Green Acres Pre-Appraisal Fact Sheet should be endorsed by the EOSC and then introduced to the Township Committee. Mr. Duckworth stated this would be a topic for the next EOSC meeting.</p> <p><u>Litter Cleanup</u>: Mr. Duckworth stated that the litter clean-up is on track and volunteers have been reaching out to Ms. Naccarato via the EOSC email address. An article was published in the Spring newsletter.</p> <p><u>Musconetcong Studies</u>: Ms. Lawler reminded the team that a site on Derry Run has been confirmed and no upstream site has been identified yet. No upstream site identified yet.</p> <p><u>Well Testing</u>: Ms. Koch stated that well testing is still on and she has requested a mailing list for Musconetcong River Road residents. She has been in contact with RHA and they will have their data reveal on March 30<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Ms. Koch is signed up to participate and will bring the information back to the group.</p> <p><u>Tire Recycling</u>: Ms. Lawler reached out to Joann Fascenelli regarding tire recycling. She said Bethlehem Township limits it to four tires per resident. Mr. Newman asked if we could use Clean Communities funding to fund the event. Ms. Lawler said if the tires are chipped rather than burned. Ms. Lawler will follow up with Bethlehem Township to see which vendor they used for the event. Mayor Schmidt stated that maybe we can shift some of our spend from freon devices to tires over the next couple of years. Ms. Lawler stated that MWA and RHA have been highlighting how many tires end up in rivers. Mayor Schmidt noted that farmers may have tires, as well, and these tires may be larger than average car tires. We will have to plan what to do in that situation. We also need to think about what to do if tires have rims. Can we have DPW remove them? Ms. Lawler will find out more and bring back her findings to the team.</p> <p><u>Forest Stewardship Plan</u>: Ms. Lawler stated that NJ Audubon would be willing to come talk to us about a Forest Stewardship Plan. She also stated they may be able to advise us on funding opportunities. Ms. Lawler also followed up with Kerri Green from the Highlands Council who stated they would be interested in funding a project for such activities. We still have significant funding in our grant. Ms. Lawler said she would work with Ms. Petzinger to discuss questions from Judy Thornton. NJ Water Supply also has a Forester. Ms. Lawler stated that NJWSA may want to be involved. Mayor Schmidt asked about EIFP and noted they have very restrictive requirements. Ms. Lawler said she would reach out to Julie Shelley and share with her what we're thinking.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunterdon Land Trust donation request (Schmidt)</li> <li>• Musconetcong pipeline removal by Chevron (Lawler)</li> <li>• Hunterdon County Resolution for Highlands RMP conformance</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> The Commission discussed how Hunterdon Land Trust has previously helped Lebanon Township. Ms. Lawler asked if we could use Clean Communities funding? It was discussed that EOSC could endorse the donation and then Township Committee could determine how best to fund it.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth proposed the following motion:</p> <p>“Whereas Hunterdon Land Trust has preserved and helped to preserve land in Lebanon Township and has provided guidance and advice to the Township, the EOSC makes a motion to support the donation of \$500 to the organization.”</p> <p>The motion was made by Ms. Lawler, seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Ms. Lawler then provided an overview of the Chevron Pipeline Removal project. Kayakers previously reported pipes interfering with navigation on the Musconetcong. This is downstream of Changewater. Chevron is planning on removing the pipelines later this year. They will be approaching the Township Committee. Mayor Schmidt stated they already reached out and are seeking to attend a Committee meeting. They are seeking to preserve some of the historical aspects of the pipeline, as well. Mr. Duckworth asked everyone to look at the draft</p>

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	<p>communication and submit any questions or comments to Ms. Lawler by March 10<sup>th</sup> so she can share with the Chevron representatives before the Committee meeting. Mayor Schmidt asked if there was any preference on dates for the Township Committee meeting. Consensus was no. Mayor Schmidt stated he was curious about the piece of land-locked property owned by Chevron in the middle of the NJ Fish and Wildlife property. Ms. Koch noted that Texaco was bought by Chevron in 2000. Mayor Schmidt stated he would let us know the date.</p>
<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern States Environmental Associates Inc.; notice of NJ DEP permit application for installation of a drainage ditch at the Bunnvale Library; dated 02-Nov-2020.</li> <li>• French &amp; Parrello Associates; notice of Highlands Applicability determination; reconstruction of Hunterdon County culvert along Rt. 513; dated 09-Feb-2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mayor Schmidt noted that with respect to the Bunnvale correspondence, confirmation that there is no wetlands present is being sought. Mr. Newman asked if the church had been engaged. Ms. Lawler stated she was interested in the second correspondence and asked Mr. Duckworth to forward it to her.</p> <p>Ms. Lawler stated that the JZRJ property in Washington Township along Rt. 31 is being monitored by MWA. They attended a Washington Township Committee meeting and commented on the proposed site plan.</p> <p>Ms. Koch stated that the RHA data reveal will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p by Mr. Chen, seconded by Mr. Collett and unanimously approved.</p>