

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission

Agenda

June 20th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission conducts its regular business meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the municipal building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the monthly agendas are posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

STANDARD AGENDA

| Topic | Intent/Materials | Time |
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| Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment (Adam Duckworth) | Call meeting to order and record attendance. | 15 Min |
| Presentation of Minutes (Adam Duckworth) | Review and approval of May Meeting Minutes. | 5 Min |
| General Admin (Adam Duckworth) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Goodsite • Social Media Policy • Controlling mosquitoes in your municipality | 10 Min |
| Newsletter | Fall newsletter deadline is August 1 st . Articles on the docket include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Passport (Adam Duckworth) • Composting (Adam Mickley) • Brid Survey Outcome for Memorial Park (Sharon Petzinger) Backlog: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides (target Spring 2016) • Mosquito Control (target Spring 2016) • Organic Methods • Invasive Species • Fire Risk Reduction on Your Property | 5 Min |
| Budget Report (Adam Duckworth) | Review and align on current state budget for EOSC, Sustainable Jersey grant and trail grant. Review outstanding reimbursements. Review upcoming spending. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Summary (Actual and Planned Spend) | 5 Min |
| Planning Board Report (Vacant) | Share pertinent information from Planning Board. | 15 Min |
| Highlands Report (Adam Duckworth) | Share any developments related to the Highlands Act. | 5 Min |
| MWA Report (Erik Henriksen) | Share any pertinent information from the MWA. | 5 Min |
| RHA Report (Nancy Lawler) | Share any pertinent information from the RHA. | 5 Min |

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| Sustainable Jersey Report (Adam Duckworth) | Share any pertinent information from the Sustainable Jersey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Summit | |
| Correspondence (Adam Duckworth) | Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aslea Raemer – Cornell Cooperative Extension | 5 Min |
| Special Topics | Introduce for discussion any special topics outside of the standard agenda. | 15 Min |
| Portfolio Review | Project Leads to provide status report and next steps for active and upcoming projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunnvale Grant • Litter Cleanup • Farm Passport Challenge • Well Testing • Goracy Trail (Priority) • Memorial Park Bio-Blitz • Recycling Actions (Priority) | 45 Min |

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ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order with a quorum at: 7:04 PM.

| EOSC Member | Role | Attendance |
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| Adam Duckworth | Chairman, Planning Board Liaison | X |
| Sharon Petzinger | Member | X |
| Warren Newman | Member | No |
| Erik Jan Henriksen | Member | X |
| Nancy Lawler | Member | X |
| Deb Goodsite | Member | No |
| Adam Mickley | Member | X |
| Sharon Hardy | Alternate 1 | X |
| Kathy Koch | Alternate 2 | X |

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| Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment (Adam Duckworth) | Call meeting to order and record attendance. | 15 Min |
| Presentation of Minutes (Adam Duckworth) | Review and approval of May Meeting Minutes. Minutes: Ms. Koch made motion to approve minutes from May meeting, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved by Mr. Duckworth and Mr. Mickley. The others were not present at the prior meeting. | 5 Min |

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| General Admin (Adam Duckworth) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Goodsite • Social Media Policy • Controlling mosquitoes in your municipality <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth stated that Ms. Goodsite has indicated she will not be able to participate in EOSC for the foreseeable future and will step down officially. She has important family commitments that require her attention but like to remain informed of the programs we're running so that she might contribute on an ad-hoc basis. Mr. Duckworth asked the team if there were any specific people to target to fill Ms. Goodsite's position that might have expertise needed on EOSC. Ms. Hardy suggested Callie Alexander who is a prior health inspector and on NOFA (North America Organic Farming Association). Mr. Duckworth suggested Jan Lovy, who is a fish pathologist for the NJ Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.</p> <p>Mr. Laul introduced the Social Media Policy to the team. He is seeking input from the different groups that are utilizing it. Ms. Lawler stated that based on her experience with the MWA Facebook page, it can be set up as one way. Ms. Lawler, Mr. Henriksen, Ms. Koch and Ms. Hardy all indicated they would like to review the draft social media policy. Mr. Duckworth noted that he has already reviewed it and provided input.</p> <p>Ms. Lawler stated that she has been engaged in water quality work related to mosquito control.</p> | 10 Min |
| Newsletter | <p>Fall newsletter deadline is August 1st. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Workshop (Nancy Lawler) • Farm Passport (Adam Duckworth) • Composting (Adam Mickley) • Bird Survey Outcome for Memorial Park (Sharon Petzinger) <p>Backlog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides (target Spring 2016) • Mosquito Control (target Spring 2016) • Organic Methods • Invasive Species • Fire Risk Reduction on Your Property <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth reviewed the planned fall newsletter contributions with the team. There were no additions and all planned articles were on track.</p> | 5 Min |
| Budget Report (Adam Duckworth) | <p>Review and align on current state budget for EOSC, Sustainable Jersey grant and trail grant. Review outstanding reimbursements. Review upcoming spending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Summary (Actual and Planned Spend) <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth indicated there were no changes from prior month.</p> | 5 Min |

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| Planning Board Report (Vacant) | Share pertinent information from Planning Board. Minutes: Ms. Lawler shared an overview regarding the quarry ordinance agenda topic from the last Planning Board meeting. There was some confusion regarding a potential swap of land with Land Trust and quarry. Ms. Lawler shared with the board that Land Trust has no interest in swapping land with the quarry and that there has never been a formal application submitted for a land swap with the Land Trust. Suggestion to the Planning Board by Ms. Lawler was to not pursue an ordinance. Ms. Lawler mentioned there are three ways in which this property is protected: Land Trust, zoned residential and Highlands preservation. Ms. Lawler suggests a stronger relationship with the NJ Natural Land Trust and helping monitor the property. | 15 Min |
| Highlands Report (Adam Duckworth) | Share any developments related to the Highlands Act. Minutes: Ms. Hardy shared that Highlands Council is offering to match fund via the Open Space Partnership Funding Program; suggests 97 Red Mill Rd. which is ~10 acres. Ms. Hardy indicated they are asking ~\$130K. Ms. Lawler raised the concern about a structure being present and said the owner would have to remove the structure and do an environmental statement to ensure there are no concerns – this is a liability. Mr. Laul indicated there was a mill on the property. Mr. Mickley indicated there was a barn with a lot of equipment in it. Mr. Duckworth to schedule time with Ms. Hardy to further discuss later in the week. Ms. Koch indicated her experience with removing a structure cost ~\$15K. Mr. Mickley indicated that asbestos would be a concern, as well. | 5 Min |
| MWA Report (Erik Henriksen) | Share any pertinent information from the MWA. Minutes: Mr. Henriksen indicated the removal of the Hughesville dam will begin soon. | 5 Min |
| RHA Report (Nancy Lawler) | Share any pertinent information from the RHA. Minutes: Ms. Lawler indicated there was nothing to report. | 5 Min |

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| Sustainable Jersey Report (Adam Duckworth) | Share any pertinent information from the Sustainable Jersey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Summit <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth provided a readout on the NJ Sustainability Summit, which was hosted by Sustainable Jersey at the College of NJ in Ewing, NJ. Mr. Duckworth attended the summit and provided a brief summary of the keynote address delivered by an organization called Climate Central, which outlined the impacts of climate change and sea level rise to the NJ coastline. Mr. Duckworth also stated that Sustainable Jersey unveiled their first two gold standards for Energy and Waste Management. He said he would like to organize the town to pursue the energy gold standard and that this would have strategic importance as it combines both environmental and financial outcomes that would appeal to a broad audience of stakeholders. Ms. Lawler suggested we include the Raritan Inn, who has gone solar and has been talking about the energy issue. Mr. Mickley indicated it might be good to bring in waste management as a topic if we are to get this “advisory board” together. Mr. Laul noted that we should promote electronics recycling day. Mr. Mickley will touch base with Joann on next steps for electronics recycling. Mr. Mickley noted there will be no town-wide yard sale this year.</p> | |
| Correspondence (Adam Duckworth) | Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashlea Raemer – Cornell Cooperative Extension <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth indicated that Ashlea Raemer reached out via the LTGreenTeam email box and was interested in learning more about our Passport Program. She is an intern at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Madison County, NY, and is looking to extend the momentum from their annual open farm day with a second longer term event. Ms. Lawler asked for Passports to share with our ag partner.</p> | 5 Min |
| Special Topics | Introduce for discussion any special topics outside of the standard agenda. <p>Minutes: Ms. Lawler stated that ANJEC had reached out and asked if we would be interested in a septic workshop. September would be a good time. Dave Pfeiffer will be delivering it and is free the first three weeks. Ms. Hardy said the newsletter would be a good time to promote it and provide information. Ms. Lawler will take point on workshop planning, estimate 60-90 minutes and will finalize offline.</p> | 15 Min |

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