

# Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission

## Agenda

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

### 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 first 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.

### AGENDA

Topic	Intent/Materials
<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 June Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Collett and Ms. Petzinger who were not present at the June meeting.
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Lebanon Township Deer Management Ordinance (Duckworth)</li><li>b) Lebanon Township DPW Property (339 Newport Rd.   B64, L8) – Historic DEP Case</li></ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) LT water quality plan (Duckworth), recent bacteria contamination</li><li>b) LT EOSC website (Duckworth)</li><li>c) September 28<sup>th</sup> Fall Fest</li></ul>
<b>Newsletter</b>	Fall newsletter deadline is August 1 <sup>st</sup> . Articles on the docket include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None currently.</li></ul>
<b>Correspondence</b>	Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. All correspondence when possible is scanned and stored digitally in a public access Google Drive folder at <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc</a> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>

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## Minutes

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### ROLL CALL

EOSC Member	Role	Attendance
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	X
Sharon Petzinger	Member	X
Warren Newman	Member	No
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	No
Nancy Lawler	Member	No
Sharon Hardy	Member	X
Kathy Koch	Member	X
Marty Collett	Alternate 1	X
Mike Chen	Alternate 2	X

### MEETING MINUTES

Topic	Intent/Materials
<b>Kickoff, Roll Call &amp; Connecting Moment</b>	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm and took roll call. Note that Mr. Collett arrived later at 7:20 pm.</p>
<b>Presentation of Minutes</b>	<p>Review and approval of June Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Collett and Ms. Petzinger who were not present at the June meeting.</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth stated that we did not have a quorum representing those who attended the June meeting and therefore could not approve June Minutes.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>c) Lebanon Township Deer Management Ordinance (Duckworth)                      d) Lebanon Township DPW Property (339 Newport Rd.   B64, L8) – Historic DEP Case</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth indicated that everything with respect to the deer management ordinance has been provided to Committeeman Laul for his discussion with the police department and Township Committee. This includes the model ordinance from Tewksbury Township, the email correspondence with NJWSA, and the EOSC motion, which outlines the rationale for pursuing the ordinance and changes from the model ordinance that are being sought.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth moved on to the next topic and shared the DEP information that Mr. Newman had tracked down after the last EOSC meeting. This was regarding past potential contamination events at the DPW building. Mr. Newman provided information from the DEP that indicated a case was raised with the DEP as per Program Interest (PI) ID 013039. Mr. Newman stated in an email correspondence to Mr. Duckworth that there appear to have been two “Unrestricted Use No Further Action” determinations dated from 1996 and 2008. Not much additional information was available. Mr. Duckworth noted that Committeeman Laul and Mayor Schmidt were to follow up with Clerk Sandorse and that we could discuss this further at the next meeting.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>d) LT water quality plan (Duckworth), recent bacteria contamination                      e) LT EOSC website (Duckworth)                      f) September 28<sup>th</sup> Fall Fest</p>

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	<p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth stated that Ms. Koch had suggested we discuss the algae blooms in our local lakes, such as Spruce Run and Lake Hopatcong. He also stated that this ties into a topic he wanted to introduce regarding the establishment of a water quality management plan for our Township. Ms. Koch said she was interested in hearing from some of the water quality experts on our team about what we can do to help with the algae problem.</p> <p>Ms. Petzinger stated the algae blooms result from too many nutrients in the water. Major sources of these nutrients include fertilizers used in agriculture and deer and geese excrement. She said she hadn't heard Spruce Run had been closed but had heard the concerns over Lake Hopatcong. Mr. Chen said Spruce Run had been closed for about two weeks. Ms. Petzinger stated that once the bloom starts there is not much that can be done except to wait until it clears itself up. If it gets bad enough, it could result in a fish kill because the algae uses up all the oxygen in the water.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth tied this in to an idea he was seeking feedback on. He feels a need to establish a water quality management plan for the Township and displayed on screen a map of the Township with proposed water monitoring points. See Attachment 1 for a copy of this map. The proposed sampling points represent where tributaries from LT meet the Musconetcong and Raritan Rivers and where those two rivers enter and exit the Township.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth said that while there is a lot of water quality monitoring work that goes on, it is watershed-focused and is not organized in a way on which a municipality could act. He suggested we leverage the Highlands Planning Incentive grants to identify existing water sampling spots, gather existing data and develop a plan to supplement the existing spots. We could also incorporate stormwater management and the Bunnvale ponding issue into the proposal.</p> <p>Ms. Petzinger asked what we would do with the results. Mr. Duckworth replied that at a minimum we could do targeted communications based on the results, but perhaps you could focus in and work with specific landowners if need be. Ms. Petzinger stated that we should align our water sampling protocol with those of RHA and MWA so that the data can be integrated. Ms. Koch suggested we run this by Ms. Lawler. Mr. Duckworth took that action and the team agreed that it would be good to invite representatives from RHA, MWA, NJWSA and the Highlands Council to a future meeting to have a collaborative discussion on this idea.</p> <p>Moving on to the topic of the LT Fall Fest, Mr. Duckworth stated that the Parks Committee has invited EOSC to participate in Fall Fest on September 28<sup>th</sup>. EOSC has participated in the last two. There was OK turnout, but Mr. Duckworth said that it felt to him like it was not a great use of time. Mr. Collett stated that this could be a great opportunity to address Sustainable Jersey actions. After some discussion, the team agreed to respond to the Parks Committee that EOSC was unlikely to attend. Mr. Collett will review the SJ framework and based on what he finds, we may revisit the decision at our August meeting.</p>
<p><b>Newsletter</b></p>	<p>Fall newsletter deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None currently.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth reminded the team of the upcoming newsletter deadline and said to let him know if there were any topics that the team wanted to write about.</p>

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<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. All correspondence when possible is scanned and stored digitally in a public access Google Drive folder at <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwaU4TGc">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwaU4TGc</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth stated he received no correspondence. He stated that the end of the official agenda had been reached and proceeded around the table asking each EOSC member if there were any other topics they wanted to raise. There were none. Ms. Petzinger made a motion to close the meeting at 7:40 pm; it was seconded by Ms. Koch and unanimously approved.</p>

# Attachment 1

