

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission

Agenda

May 3rd, 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 April meeting will be hosted via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic.

AGENDA

Topic	Description
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	Call meeting to order and take roll call.
Presentation of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well testing (Koch)• Litter clean up (Duckworth, All)• Changewater Pipeline Removal (Lawler)
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation – Alan Hunt – MWA – Great Waters of Northwestern NJ (Lawler)• MWA Monitoring Activities (Lawler)
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

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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	X
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	X
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
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth called the meeting to order at 7:04p. In addition to the attendees above, Committeeman Laul and Mayor Schmidt were in attendance, as well as representatives from MWA.</p>
Presentation of Minutes	<p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth stated that review and approval of Minutes would be deferred to the next meeting.</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well testing (Koch) Litter clean up (Duckworth, All) Changewater Pipeline Removal (Lawler) <p>Minutes: Ms. Koch stated that well testing preparations are on track. The event will be May 22nd and she put up signs today. Mr. Duckworth stated he would post a reminder to Facebook.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth moved on to the litter cleanup. There was a good response rate. Ms. Naccarato has submitted a newsletter article with pictures. There was no tracking of types of litter but as expected, participants reported seeing many alcohol containers.</p> <p>Ms. Lawler stated she wrote an article on the Changewater Pipeline Removal project for the summer newsletter and said the project would start sometime after July 1st due to fish sensitivity. They are still trying to figure out signage for tubing/boating. MWA will put up information on their website.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation – Alan Hunt – MWA – Great Waters of Northwestern NJ (Lawler) MWA Monitoring Activities (Lawler) <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth handed the floor to Ms. Lawler to introduce Alan Hunt and his MWA colleagues. The following were in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Hunt, Director of Policy (MWA) Keith Fritschie, NJ Upper Delaware River Restoration Coordinator (Trout Unlimited) Alex Ambrose, Policy Associate (ANJEC)

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	<p>Mr. Hunt provided an overview of the Great Waters Initiative. He stated Lebanon Township was the first municipality to receive the presentation and was seeking feedback before they meet with other municipalities.</p> <p>One of the top items MWA is seeking is for municipalities to pass a resolution to encourage the DEP to incorporate the consideration of recreational uses when assessing waterway degradation protections.</p> <p>Title of model resolution: "A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUED ENJOYMENT OF THE STATE'S WATERS FOR DRINKING WATER AND RECREATION WITHOUT HARM TO AGRICULTURE"</p> <p>Mr. Hunt stated that most LT waterways are cat 1 with 300' buffer. This proposed legislation change would mostly affect major development, not individual landowners, and it would not impact agriculture. It provides increased protection of point-source discharges.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth stated it would have little impact to LT landowners but would influence those upstream for us and create added protections on the water flowing into the Township.</p> <p>Ms. Petzinger stated it also governs runoff and seems like much more than just point source restrictions.</p> <p>Mr. Hunt stated that stormwater is not treated as a point source in NJ but it provides limitations in other ways. While Category 1 sounds all-encompassing, there are limitations on it.</p> <p>Ms. Lawler said that while our town is very green, we want enough regulation to influence our neighbors.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth thanked Mr. Hunt and stated he liked the simple language used in the presentation and the focus on financial benefits for the Township.</p> <p>Link to Zoning Analysis for riverfront municipalities: https://www.musconetcong.org/zoning-analysis.</p> <p>Link to Great Waters Initiative: https://www.greatwatersnj.org/.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth handed the floor to Ms. Lawler for an update on Musconetcong studies. She said this would be a bacteria and nutrient study from Hackettstown to Hampton. A Hollow Road landowner is willing to provide access for sampling. Ms. Lawler will reach out to Mr. Duckworth for contact information for the Granis'. Sampling will start in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Lawler will ask if we are able to see preliminary results.</p>
<p>Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth proceeded around the virtual table asking if anyone had additional updates or topics. Ms. Koch said she was able to obtain the addresses of residents along Musconetcong River Road and will be sending them an additional post card to encourage them to get their wells tested.</p> <p>Mr. Collett asked about tire recycling. Mayor Schmidt said that Joanne and Warren have been discussing this and it will be possible to have a dumpster related to tire recycling at the October dumpster day. There will be no restriction on whether tires must be on or off the rim. Details are being worked out. Mr. Collett suggested we consider an initiative prior to the event to clean up and find tires.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43p. The motion was made by Ms. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Collett and unanimously approved.</p>