

**STANHOPE BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2010**

Member Owen Newson called this meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

In compliance with the New Jersey Assembly Bill No 1030, notice for this meeting was sent to the *New Jersey Herald* and the *Daily Record* on January 20, 2010 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 26, 2010.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bender, Hunts, Member, Newson & Rogalo (7:35 p.m.)

ABSENT: Flanigan

OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 12, 2010 were approved on motion by Owen Newson, second by Nicole Member, with change in wording of first sentence on page 2. U. C.

CORRESPONDENCE:

8-5-10 – Copy of letter from Mayors of Byram Twsp., Andover, Andover Twsp., Green Twsp. & Stanhope to NJ Assemblywoman Allison Litell, NJ Assemblyman Gary R. Chisago, and NJ Senator Steven V. Oroho Re: Thanking them for help in repairs to Sussex Branch Trail

Recd. 8-24-10 - Thank you note from Curly Costanzia for choosing her art work for the Poster Contest and for the Wal-Mart gift card

8-25-10 – Memo from Ellen Horak, Borough Clerk Re: Info for 2011 Municipal Calendar

9-1-10 – Memo from ANJEC Re: Highlands Herald (Newsletter)

Recd. 9-2-10 – Copy of Resolution of Memorialization from the Land Use Board adopting the Trails and Greenway Plan dated Dec. 2009 as part of the Master Plan to be incorporated as part of the Circulation Plan

Recd. 9-2-10 – Copy of Budget Trial Balance dated 8-24-10 (\$1,510.54, or 24% spent)

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Clean Communities Cleanup Day – Set for Saturday, Sept. 25th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Owen Newson & John Rogalo will work on cleaning up around Salmon Memorial Park. People will meet at the basketball courts. Owen has bags, gloves and water,

Another Clean up Station will be at Valley Road School. Lorraine and Janice will be there. All EC members will be needed. Ms. Member will take care of the publicity with the NJ Herald and the Township Journal.

ANJEC Smart Growth Planning Grant Application for an Update of our ERI - We are waiting for a meeting date of the ERI committee to be set by George Graham.

ANJEC #1 Smart Growth Grant – Trails and Greenway Update – Ms. Hunts reported that the Borough will receive \$5,000 from ANJEC.

Tri-Community Trails – Ms. Hunts reported the dedication is set to take place on Sept. 12 @ 2 p.m. Each of the 3 communities will start at a chosen location in their town and travel to the place where all the trails join – the old bridge on Sparta-Stanhope Road. Stanhope will begin at the Valley Road School at 1:30 p.m. and continue to the bridge. Mr. Rogalo felt that in Hopatcong, especially, they should have used trails that existed rather than putting in new areas.

Community Forestry Grant – Ms. Hunts said that the 30-page tree survey was completed and sent to

the state. The Final Report including the financials and In-Kind Hours was sent to the Forest Service on July 3, 2010

Recycling Program – Ms. Barbara Utz will be moving out of town, and hopefully, the schools will continue with the program that was started by her. .

Publicity – Ms. Maio will be doing the posters re the Dedication of the trails and the Cleanup. Ms. Member will take care of the local newspapers and the high school.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Hunts and Mr. Newson met with Brian Murphy, Ms. Maio and the administrator regarding continuing the trail through and into Salmon Memorial Park.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a discussion regarding the Plaster Mill and the possibilities of what could be done, because of more deterioration. On motion by Mr. Newson, second by Ms. Flanigan, we should send a letter to Mayor & Council suggesting that we make an open air historic education station by reducing the walls to four feet with 3 sides and with the opening paved with porous pavers. The area also needs a semi-annual treatment for poison ivy. U. C.

BILLS: No bills were presented.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health–Ms. Flanigan not present – no report.

Mayor & Council –No minutes received, therefore no report by Ms. Member.

Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board– Mr. Rogalo reported they spent \$50,000 on herbicide treatment . They received \$12,000 from the state for water chestnut abatement.

Land Use Board–

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society - Ms. Bender – Nothing to report.

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority -

Recreation Commission –

Shade Tree Commission - Ms. Hunts said they have a meeting next week.

Plaster Mill – As suggested at last meeting, a memo will be drafted and circulated to EC members before memo is sent to M&C.

Big Tree Contest Planning -

Water Quality – Mr. Rogalo

BACK BURNER

We need to start working on Annual Report.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Mr. Newson,
second by Ms. Bender, at 8:33 p.m. U.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice D. Hunts, Secretary