

**HOPATCONG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2008**

The meeting of the Hopatcong Environmental Commission was opened by Mary Takacs at 7:40 p.m. with a statement that this meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to The New Jersey Herald, The Sunday Herald and The Daily Record and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bernice Gleason
Pat Gleason
Sharon Gruber
Sam Hoagland
Elizabeth Mauro
Sheryl Nowell
Mary Takacs

Also in attendance:
Council Liaison, Madeline McManus

Mary Takacs led the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2008 MINUTES

Sharon Gruber made a motion to approve the November 28, 2008 minutes. Sam Hoagland seconded the motion and all were in favor with Sheryl Nowell abstaining.

2008 REORGANIZATION MEETING

Bernice Gleason made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Meeting Dates of 2008. Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion. **YES:** B. Gleason, P. Gleason, Gruber, Hoagland, Mauro, Nowell, Takacs.

Pat Gleason made a motion to nominate and keep the present officers in their current appointed positions.

- Mary Takacs, Environmental Commission Chairperson
- Elizabeth Mauro, Environmental Commission Deputy Chairperson
- Sharon Gruber, Environmental Commission Treasurer
- Sam Hoagland, Liaison for the Planning Board

Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion. **YES:** B. Gleason, P. Gleason, Gruber, Hoagland, Mauro, Nowell, Takacs.

Mary Takacs suggested that each commission member be a Chairperson at each Environmental Commission Meeting starting February 27, 2008.

HAZMAT

Mary Takacs announced the five HAZMAT reports.

ANJEC

ANJEC sent a notice of Grants for New Jersey Municipalities.

Mary Takacs mentioned all the ANJEC Workshops available for consideration.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Joann Koslosky had several issues with land and roads in the common access areas that are being abused and dug up and that all the damage be repaired. Sheryl Nowell suggested that the Environmental Commission send a letter to the Police Department that they want to protect the Natural Area Preserve by enforcing the law. Sharon Gruber mentioned writing the letter to the Police Department and Mayor and Council regarding the Natural Area Preserve and that the Environmental Commission respectfully requests that the existing ordinances be enforced and that funds be allocated from the appropriate commissions to block the common access areas and possibly putting up signs that no ATV riding be allowed on these areas.

Sam Hoagland announced that on April 22, 2008, The Republican Club will be doing a program on environmental issues, if anyone wishes to attend. There will be speakers from Sussex County at the Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Takacs has all the dates for the meetings for this year for when the New Jersey Highlands Council meets.

Mary Takacs attended the Lake Hopatcong Watershed Catch Basin meeting and they discussed restoration for the Lake Watershed and focused on prosperous and weed growth. The main topic was how to clean Lake Hopatcong. Miscellaneous issues were discussed at this meeting; see Mary Takacs for all information.

Mary Takacs announced that ANJEC EPA Grants are available and will be sending packages to municipalities.

Sharon Gruber reported on the Green Site meeting. The purpose of this discussion was the current curriculum that's in place. The meeting is to try to get the kids to participate in the trails aspect of things.

Sharon Gruber is checking on the dates for the electronic recycling program. Sharon is looking for two dates to recycle.

ADJOURN

Sam Hoagland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Sharon Gruber seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary