

**HOPATCONG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2008**

The meeting of the Hopatcong Environmental Commission was opened by Mary Takacs at 7:42 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
Elizabeth Mauro
Sheryl Nowell
Mary Takacs
ABSENT Sam Hoagland

Also in attendance:
Mr. Dave Berchak

Sharon Gruber led the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2008 MINUTES

Sharon Gruber made a motion to approve the February 27, 2008 minutes. Pat Gleason seconded the motion and all were in favor. **ABSENT:** Hoagland

Mary Takacs announced that there were no reported HAZMATS.

Mary Takacs read the e-mail that Mayor Sylvia Petillo sent to her regarding the ATV riders. Mayor Petillo and Chief John Swanson talked on this issue and a few suggestions were made to help with the situation with the ATV riders. Mary Takacs was in contact with ANJEC and the off-road vehicle legislation is going to be enforced.

Mary Takacs announced to the Environmental Commission that the new Administrator's name is Joseph Moskovitz.

Mary Takacs advised the commission of some articles regarding the Musconetcong River and removing the dams.

April 19, 2008 is the annual spring clean up for the Musconetcong Watershed Members. May 4, 2008 is Walk For The River. ANJEC has an article about idling trucks.

Mary Takacs announced that there is only one ordinance for off-road vehicles and she read it to the commission members. Sharon Gruber proposes to enforce and strengthen the existing ordinance, and Sharon is going to compose another letter to Mayor and

Council to do so. Sharon Gruber read a draft of this letter to the Environmental Commission.

There are complaints about the damage that has been done to the town due to the contractors that did the sewers. Sheryl Nowell stated that in a particular area it looks like a dumping ground.

Mary Takacs asked if anyone had any suggestions as to what the Environmental Commission can do for Arbor Day. Mary Takacs also mentioned that she is waiting to find out about the recycling dates as soon as this year's budget is passed.

Joann Koslosky mentioned and discussed the Highlands Act.

Sharon Gruber updated the Environmental Commission about the Trails Committee.

ADJOURN

Pat Gleason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary