

**HOPATCONG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 25, 2006**

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  
Malcolm Piester  
Mary Takacs

Also in attendance were:

Mayor Richard Hodson  
Council Liaison, Madeline McManus

Mary Takacs led the Salute to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 MINUTES**

Sam Hoagland made a motion to approve the September 27, 2006 minutes. Malcolm Piester seconded the motion and all were in favor. Abstain: S. Gruber

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Mary Takacs announced tonight's guest speaker, Peder Nesse from the New Jersey Water Association. Peder conducts Source Water Protection Planning in New Jersey. This is an EPA Program and Peder works in conjunction with the New Jersey DEP to formulate the Source Water Protection Plans. Peder spoke to the Environmental Commission and the public on this subject and handed out information packets. Peder Nesse also answered some questions from the public.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mary Takacs received a letter from the Highlands Preservation Area to inform the commission that they are applying for a permit.

A workshop by ANJEC "Getting the Job Done" will be on October 28, 2006.

There will be a course at Duke Farms on "Environmental Leadership" on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**HAZMAT** – October 17, 2006 – 18 Northwestern Tr., removal of underground tank, cleanup is pending.

### **STATUS REPORTS**

Mayor Hodson spoke about the Trails Plan and the current discussions at the Open Space Committee meeting and the results of the walkways. Mayor Hodson announced that he had copies of the Trails Plan printed for the committee. Mayor Hodson also announced that the Open Space Group is suppose to go over and view Veteran's Field for a possible informed discussion about a walking path at that site.

Sam Hoagland reported to the commission about the Charity Trails Hike in Byram. Sam said that it was very well organized.

Michael Foley attended the meeting this evening to report that Peter Kellogg has asked Michael to organize the exact same Trails Hike for Hopatcong. Mr. Foley discussed the details and announced the date for the hike will be on June 2, 2007. All you have to do is register to participate.

Malcolm Piester reported his experience on the Trails Hike and suggested that the hike should accommodate different age groups and to also provide buses to transport the hikers. Malcolm also discussed and questioned the funding for Open Space. Another subject Malcolm discussed was the money from Corporation Business Tax and the possibility to dedicate some of it to the maintenance of our State Parks. Malcolm suggested that planting trees is also something that should come from corporate donation.

Mayor Hodson talked about the funding for the projects in town.

Councilwoman McManus is asking the Environmental Commission what they would like to see happen regarding the walking trails. Several of the commission members suggested that this should be discussed at the Open Space meeting.

Sharon Gruber made a motion to change the next meeting date for the Environmental Commission to November 15, 2006. Sam Hoagland seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **ADJOURN**

Sam Hoagland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Submitted by,

Marie Filoso  
Recording Secretary