

**HOPATCONG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OCTOBER 27, 2004**

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 Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to The New Jersey Herald, The Daily Record and The News-Leader and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

ROLL CALL: Bernice Gleason
Elizabeth Mauro
Mercedes Walker
Mary Takacs
ABSENT: Steve Guerriero
Connie Janowski
Marty Janowski

Mary Takacs led the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 28, 2004 MINUTES

The Environmental Commission approved the July 28, 2004 minutes.

HAZMAT

October 6, 2004 – 102 Lackawanna Tr., removal of tank, cleanup pending.

Mary Takacs informed the commission of the correspondence from Bradley M. Campbell regarding the ERI Grant.

There was a nature hike led by Bob Moss on Sunday, October 17, 2004.

Mercedes Walker made a motion to donate \$150.00 to Boy Scout Troop #191. Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mary Takacs and Bernice Gleason attended the ERI Meeting. Mary reported that repairs are needed on the bridge at Eves Nature Trail.

STATUS REPORTS

Open Space – On November 11, 2004, there was a combination Open Space/Environmental Meeting. Elizabeth Mauro said it was a chance to combine ideas.
Budget – Bernice Gleason reported that the new budget has been submitted.

Mercedes Walker shared the photos from the nature hike with the commission. Mercedes also presented the commission with the birds that were sent to the taxidermist. A Northern Flicker and a Baltimore Oriole. Mercedes brought up the idea of a Newsletter to the public. Mercedes said that maybe the board members should re-think their mission statements and define the goals of the commission, also, to get a study done on the water table of the town. Mercedes said we need to get the public involved and educated.

ADJOURN

Mercedes Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Elizabeth Mauro seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Filoso
Recording Secretary