

MINUTES

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Chairman calls the Meeting to order.

Salute to the flag. 7:10PM

All new members have been sworn in.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT: This meeting complies with the open meeting act by publishing same in the appropriate newspapers and notification to the Township clerk. Notice has been posted in the front entrance of the Municipal Building:

SHERRY ROTH - CHAIRPERSON -	Present
ROBERT KIRWAN -	Present
GLENN PERRY -	Present
MEGAN BRUNATTI -	Present
SHARON MCKENNA -	Present
LEA FITZPATRICK -	Absent
REGULAR MEMBER - VACANCY	
ROBERT J. KOKAI ALT - I	Present
MONICA ZABROSKI - ALT - II	Present

Also Present:

Mayor Gregory Myhre

Councilman Thomas Steadman

Thomas & Susan Blackmore, 13 North Union St., Manahawkin

Public Comment:

Thomas & Susan Blackmore, concerns with trash/lumber in the bay, specifically on the causeway heading east by Cedar Bonnet Island – was referred to code enforcement.

Approval of Minutes:

January 7, 2019, Reorganization/Regular Meeting

M. Zabroski was present, but unable to participate due to not being sworn in yet.

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A motion by: Mr. Perry; second: Ms. McKenna; to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting.
Aif: Aye

Appointments:

A motion was made by Mrs. Roth; second by Ms. McKenna; to appoint Robert Kirwan, Vice – Chairperson commencing on February 7, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019.
Aif: Aye, No abstentions.

Applications:

- 1. John Woodward**
Application # P19-03
P/F Minor Subdivision
(41 Ranch Blvd.)

Comments: See letter to Planning Board

Payment of Bills:

NJ PRESS MEDIA SOLUTIONS

PO# 19-00282

Publish 2019 Environmental Commission Mtg. Dates (Beacon Newspaper)	\$ 14.88
Affidavit of Publication	\$ 25.00
Publish 2019 Environmental Commission Mtg. Dates (Asbury Park Press)	\$ 28.80
Affidavit of Publication	\$ 35.00

Total **\$103.68**

A motion was made by Mrs. Roth; seconded by Ms. McKenna; to approve the payment of the bills.
Aif: Aye

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Discussions:

Arbor Day 2019 – P.I.N.E.S. – “Plastic In Nature Endangers Species”

May 3, 2019, 3:45PM, Ocean Acres Community Center, Ocean Acres

To date: Packets completed, to be delivered to the schools on Tuesday, February 4, 2019. All schools on board, Tracey Telicky, (B. Naturals) confirmed, R.O.T.C, confirmed, Stafford Branch of the Ocean County Library – Judges confirmed for both essays and Poems. Pineshore Art Association confirmed for judging the Posters. Seedlings ordered, 200 Eastern Red buds, 100 Norway Spruce, 100 White Pine. Medals have been ordered. Gift cards in the process of being ordered. Reynolds Landscaping confirmed, may need help from our public works department this year.

*Some sponsor letters have been mailed, more to go.
Still to be determined if additional seedlings need to be ordered.
Donation of reusable bags?*

Need volunteers to go to Home Depot, Lowes and Greentree for the donation of trees to be planted.

Need volunteers to help the day of the ceremony. The programs and cake will be last.

All entries to be picked up from the schools on Friday, March 8th, (Consideration of postponing the March 4, 2019 meeting until Monday, March 11, so we can sort the entries at the meeting, like it has been done in the past. Posters to be judged on Friday, March 15th. (The commission did confirm to postpone the meeting until the March 11th)

Sherry will be speaking with Chris Vernon, regarding the donation of bags with our logo on them. A discussion took place in regard to ordering an additional 200 bags.

Bob Kirwan we go to Home Depot and Lowes to request trees.

Sherry asked Mayor Myhre if he had any suggestions on where to plant trees this year?

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Ocean County Dept. of Solid Waste Management -

The commission to visit the facility in Toms River – Hours of operation 8:30am- 2:30pm
Date?

Sean McLaughlin of Ocean County Dept. of Solid Waste Management will be providing stickers for recycling containers – reminder of items that can be recycled.
Education of township employees on recycling?

The commission and Mayor Myhre made plans to visit the recycling center on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 8:30am.

Sherry suggested the possibility of having the Public Works Dept. set up a table at Arbor Day educating the public about recycling?

Open –

Mr. Blackmore inquired about the meaning of the signs stating “Monitoring” specifically at the site located at the corner of Parker and Stafford Avenue.

Monica Zabroski, informed the commission she would like to get the Sustainable Jersey program up and running again. There are differential levels to attain, Bronze Silver and Gold. Stafford was certified in 2016, however no longer being supported. The town would need a green team, (there was one in 2016) in order to participate. She is looking for support from the current administration. Mayor Myhre will look at the information provided.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Kirwan; second by: Mrs. Brunatti; to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.

Aif: Aye

Respectfully Submitted,


Annemarie Sillitoe, Secretary

To: Stafford Township Planning Board

From: Environmental Commission
Annemarie Sillitoe, Secretary

Date: February 6, 2019

RE: **John Woodward**
Application # P19-03
Block 46 Lot 1.05
P/F Minor Subdivision
(41 Ranch Blvd.)

The Environmental Commission concurs with the Maser Consulting letter dated, January 30, 2019. The Environmental commission has concerns with the new lots requiring septic systems. The county and the town have been interested in preserving the open space in this area.

The Environmental Commission does not recommend subdividing these lots as this site was part of a prior subdivision, which had lot sizes to meet the environmental constraints of the area and further degrades the original intent approval on the initial subdivision in an environmentally sensitive area.