

Minutes of the Andover Township Environmental Commission
Meeting of January 7th, 2010

Commission Members Present: Linda Hubbard, Harvey Hummel, Diane Gillespie, Christine Kretzmer, Carla Kostelnik

The Oath of Office was taken by Harvey Hummel, Christine Kretzmer, and Carla Kostelnik

Liaison to the Environmental commission Mike Lensak was present.

The agenda was adopted as revised unanimously.

The December meeting's minutes were accepted but not approved due to change in commission members.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Mike Lensak stated that he was looking forward to working as liaison to the commission and to contact him at his home or work number if necessary.

Proposed Calendar for 2010: February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd,

OLD BUSINESS:

Stream monitoring- Diane and Eric Olsen had met with the Wallkill Watershed Group on December 22nd. Eric Olsen was going to take over the project but due to him not being reappointed to the commission he will not be available. Elizabeth Bogle was going to visit with Eric and Diane for a refresher course due to changes in state reporting forms and access to the state website. The subcommittee on stream monitoring has now been reduced to Diane due to the changes in the makeup of the commission. The project and process were explained to the newer members of the commission. The commission will reappoint a new subcommittee after further analysis. Christine Kretzmer took the contact numbers and will follow up.

Native Plant Project- Diane gave an overview of the project to the new members. The future of the project was going to be extended to include herbaceous plant, ferns, and vines. Diane will send Vita the current list to further disseminate the current completed list. We will assign lists at the next meeting.

Open Space- There was no meeting in December. Dan Freed reports that the county has awarded funding for \$120,000 toward the open space project on Lawrence road. The EC may or may not continue with the identification project at the Lake Iliff access. It was tabled until spring.

Land Ethics Symposium-Thursday February 18th. Cutoff date to cancel is February 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hydrogeology Report- Vita reported that the report from M2 is considered final and not subject to review or editing according to M2. There is disagreement between the EC and M2 as to whether a finished report or revision is due at this time. No copy of the contract could be located to determine what was legally agreed by the EC and M2. Diane explained the process in developing the report and the reasons for the delay, including the

difficulties in obtaining well data. A copy of the contract will be obtained to determine the next step.

Diane gave information on projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and backyard wildlife habitat certification. Mike Lensak requested assistance with solar panel project on the DPW building. Gail Phoebus gave further information to get grant money for the project.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT: none

Other meetings-Land use board- 1/19, Open space committee-1/26, Township committee-1/25

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned with all members voting yes.