

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
January 11, 2016  
Reorganization/Regular Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Tracey, Mr. Szabo, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, Mr. Blanchard, Mrs. Branagan, Mr. Carbone, Mr. Branagan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Emmetts

Mrs. Wunder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the statement that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., at the Stillwater Township Municipal Building located in Middleville, New Jersey.

The flag was saluted and roll call taken.

Mr. Branagan and Mr. Blanchard were each appointed as a Regular member, term expiring 12/31/18. Both were sworn in by the Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting.

Mr. Carbone was appointed as Alternate #2, term expiring 12/31/17. Mr. Carbone was sworn in by the Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting.

**Reorganization**

**Chairperson:**

Mr. Blanchard made a **motion** to elect Mr. Branagan as Chairperson for 2016, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, yes, Mrs. Branagan, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

At this point the meeting was turned over to Chairperson Branagan.

**Vice Chairperson:**

Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to elect Mr. Blanchard as Vice Chairperson for 2016, seconded by Mrs. Tracey. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, yes, Mrs. Branagan, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**Secretary:**

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby made a **motion** to appoint Mrs. Wunder as the Commission Secretary for 2016, seconded by Mr. Branagan.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, yes, Mrs. Branagan, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**Meeting Dates/Official Newspaper:**

Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to approve the following meeting dates and official newspapers for 2016:

Stillwater Township  
Environmental Advisory Commission  
Schedule of Meeting Dates  
2016

The Stillwater Township Environmental Advisory Commission, County of Sussex, New Jersey will hold regular meetings on the second Monday of each month, unless it is a legal holiday or is otherwise noted, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 964 Stillwater Road, Middleville, New Jersey.

The dates are as follows:

January 11, 2016 Reorganization/Regular	July 11, 2016
February 8, 2016	August 8, 2016
March 14, 2016	September 12, 2016
April 11, 2016	October 13, 2016 (second Thursday)
May 9, 2016	November 14, 2016
June 13, 2016	December 12, 2016
	January 9, 2017 Reorganization/Regular

The agenda for all meetings, more or less:

1. Call to Order
2. Open Public Meetings Statement
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Bills
6. Public Input
7. Correspondence
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Public Input
11. Planning Board Liaison Report
12. Township Liaison Report
13. Adjournment

The Daily New Jersey Herald and Sunday Herald are hereby designated as the official newspapers for legal publication for the Stillwater Township Environmental Advisory Commission.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, yes, Mrs. Branagan, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**EC Member List 2016:** The list was reviewed and updated.

#### **Minutes**

Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 12/14/15, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Fleck, abstain, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, abstain, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, abstain, Mrs. Branagan, abstain, Mr. Branagan, yes

#### **Bills**

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby made a **motion** to approve the following bill, pending availability of funds, seconded by Mrs. Tracey:

Secretary: \$ 202.88

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, yes, Mrs. Branagan, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:30 p.m. There being no one from the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Correspondence:**

Resolution 2016-001 Schedule of Township Committee Meeting Dates

Resolution 2016-011 Schedule of Township Holidays

Resolution 2016-016 Participation in Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program

Resolution 2016-013 Township Board/Commission Appointments

#### **Old Business**

**EC Newsletter:** The newsletter updating will be ongoing and following review of the 2012 newsletter, EC members should submit any changes or new articles to the secretary for inclusion.

**ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant:** The EC is waiting for the application to become available.

**Sustainable Jersey (SJ) Update:** Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported that April Fisher attended the last Green Team meeting. A winter market will be held at Hillside Park in Andover on 2/21/16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A discussion was held on native plantings and possible actions. If Stillwater School is awarded the Lowe's grant, native plantings is something they may be interested in. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby asked the EC to consider requesting that a line item be added to the EC budget for the Green Team, approximately \$1,000 to be used for projects, speakers, actions and events. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby is the Clean Communities Coordinator; however that funding can only be used for

specific items such as shredding day. Mr. Szabo objected to adding a Green Team line item, expressing concern with integrating this item with the EC. He noted private property rights can become a huge issue under sustainability. He felt funding should come from grants as opposed to public money and it should be kept separate. Ms. Mooney, CFO was present and she proposed adding a Green Team line item to the administrative budget and that way it would not be tied to a specific board or commission. Mr. Branagan recognized the hard work and time that Ms. Fobes-Jacoby puts into Sustainable Jersey. Ms. Chamblings noted that all approval for the spending of Green Team funding would have to be granted by the EC if it is included in their budget.

Following further discussion, Mr. Branagan made a **motion** to request that the Township Committee add a line item to the EC budget for the Green Team in the amount of \$1,500, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, no, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, abstain, Mrs. Branagan, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**Fishing Receptacles:** The missing fishing receptacle has been reinstalled by someone unknown and now there are three receptacles at Veteran's Memorial Park. The EC will relocate one in the spring.

**Recycling Ordinance Revisions Update:** Revisions are on hold until a model ordinance is available from the County. Mr. Branagan will contact Renee Casapulla at SCMUA to set up a recycling presentation at a Township Committee meeting in February or March.

#### New Business

**Gypsy Moth:** Mrs. Fleck referred to a New Jersey Herald article regarding gypsy moth spraying. Stillwater was included in the areas to be sprayed, along the areas of the Kittatinny ridge. Mrs. Fisher, Zoning Officer, will be attending a State meeting this week regarding information on the gypsy moth spraying. Mr. Branagan asked Mrs. Wunder to inquire if Bt will be used and if it is permitted near water bodies.

**Deputy Mayor/SCPB Appointment:** Mr. Szabo congratulated Ms. Chamblings on her Deputy Mayor appointment and her appointment to the Sussex County Planning Board (SCPB). Ms. Chamblings commended the professionalism of the SCPB. She noted that Stillwater resident, Autumn Sylvester, will be appointed as the Sussex County Planner.

**Endangered and Threatened Species:** None sighted.

**Volunteer/Member Recognition:** Recognition of the individual who reinstalled the fishing receptacle at VMP.

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 8:25 p.m..**

**Jared Young, 60 Lakeview Terrace, Sussex** was present. He enjoyed being introduced to the community and he is currently taking a biotechnology class at High Point High School.

**There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:27 p.m.**

**Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report:** The January meeting was cancelled.

**Township Liaison Report:** Committeewoman Chamblings

-The meeting room renovations are almost complete.

-The reorganization meeting was held on 1/5/16.

-The bid was awarded to Innovative Electric for the town hall generator - \$33,000, funded mostly through a FEMA grant.

-A discussion was held regarding the Swartswood Fire Department and an ordinance is being proposed making changes. Further discussion on the matter will be held in the future.

Ms. Chamblings reported that audits were requested from all emergency services and the Stillwater Fire Department submitted an acceptable audit; the Swartswood Fire Department did not. The changes are due to executive session items and finding of fact by an attorney.

-The Township Committee will discuss relocating a storm drainage pipe running across the septic located on the Middleville Inn property.

**Paulinskill Riparian Restoration Project:** Mr. Blanchard reported the trees have been ordered and will be shipped to the Nature Conservancy in the spring. Nathaniel Sajdak will assist with the planting, as well as Allen Barlow of the Nature Conservancy and Ridge and Valley students led by Dan Egan, teacher. Mr. Blanchard will email the contact information to Mr. Branagan. April is the best time for the planting and the date needs to be set and volunteers contacted. There will be 160 trees planted, 2 gallon containers – 5’ to 8’ in height, with the tubes provided by the Nature Conservancy which will be delivered with the trees. The trees are from Pineland Nursery and will include the following: native species, Maple, Sycamore, some River Birches and a single Dogwood.

**PAC Meeting:** Mr. Carbone will attend future PAC meetings in the absence of Mr. Blanchard.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Branagan made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Wunder, Secretary